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OBSERVATIONS (Regional and Statewide)

Consumer and Case Counts

- At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2008, DCF had 25,213 open cases (1,812 adoption cases and 23,401 clinical cases). A total of 82,713 consumers¹ (39,304 adults and 43,409 children) were being served. Case counts ranged from 3,121 in the Boston Region to 5,258 in the Southeastern Region. (**Table 1** on page 7)
- From the 2nd to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2008, consumer counts increased 2% and case counts rose 1%. The consumer population typically drops in the summer quarter (Q1) then rises and levels off during the school quarters (Q2-Q4). This seasonal pattern is related to the rise and fall of child abuse and neglect reports and investigations throughout the year. (**Figs. 1 and 2** on page 8, **Figs. 20 and 21** on page 56)
- The 82,713 consumers in the DCF caseload exceeded the peak level of 81,975 consumers recorded in 1991 (see table below). However, 3rd quarter counts of all children less than 18 years old and children less than 18 years old in placement were appreciably less than the levels recorded in 1991 (Table 1 and table below). Counts of adults 18 years and older and children 18 years and older in placement were higher at the end of the 3rd Quarter of 2008 than in 1991 (39,304 vs. 34,053 adults and 1,659 vs. 874 young adults in placement). To summarize, there were 4,513 more children in 1991 than in 2008 and 5,251 more adults in 2008 than in 1991. Note: The highest number of children less than 18 years old in placement was recorded in 1995 (13,302).

Month/Year	All Consumers	All Children <18 yrs	Children in Placement <18 yrs	Month/Year	All Consumers	All Children <18 yrs	Children in Placement <18 yrs
6/1983	61,786	33,516	NA	6/1997	74,921	43,570	12,193
6/1984	73,111	38,683	7,024	1/1998	70,092	40,574	11,227
6/1985	75,935	40,628	7,779	9/1998	68,331	38,507	10,872
6/1986	74,769	40,511	8,041	6/1999	69,496	39,144	10,134
6/1987	66,033	37,497	8,075	6/2000	72,423	40,691	9,676
6/1988	67,658	38,792	8,661	6/2001	73,116	40,069	9,955
6/1989	70,052	40,497	9,544	6/2002	70,688	38,442	10,033
6/1990	80,090	46,403	10,998	6/2003	75,247	40,341	10,233
6/1991	81,975	47,922	12,392	6/2004	75,377	40,309	9,829
6/1992	72,128	42,367	12,379	6/2005	75,326	40,062	9,474
6/1993	72,340	42,656	12,763	6/2006	78,311	41,842	9,586
6/1994	72,879	43,074	13,194	6/2007	78,720	41,631	8,620
6/1995	73,032	42,997	13,302	3/2008	82,713	43,409	9,233
6/1996	72,638	42,551	12,736				
Source:	ASSIST	6/1983-1/1998		and	FamilyNet	9/1998-3/2008	

¹ Total consumers include all individuals with an active case status on the last day of the quarter and were in a case with an assessment for services or a service plan. These selection criteria exclude consumers not in placement who have an active case status that is pending the outcome of an investigation.

Consumers in Placement

- There were 10,892 individuals in placement on the last day of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2008. Included in this count are 9,233 children (less than 18 years old) and 1,659 young adults (18 to 23 years old). (**Table 1**)
- The placement population was distributed across DCF service regions as follows: 21% in the Western Region, 19% in the Southeastern Region, 17% in the Northeastern Region, 14% in the Central Region, 14% in the Metro Region, and 12% in the Boston Region. (**Table 1**)
- Statewide, 21% (or 9,233) of all children (less than 18 years old) with open cases were in placement. The regional statistics for children in placement as a proportion of all children receiving services were: 22% in the West, 22% in Metro, 20% in the Northeast, 20% in Boston, 20% in the Southeast, and 20% in Central. (**Table 2** on page 9)
- Of all children less than 18 years old receiving services, the Pittsfield, Greenfield, Coastal, and Hyde Park Area Offices had the highest proportions in placement. The lowest proportions of children in placement were found at the Van Wart, Plymouth, Harbor, and Lawrence Area Offices. (**Table 2**)
- From the 2nd to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2008, the number of children in placement rose 3% statewide. Regional increases ranged from 1% in both the Northeast and Southeast to 4% in both Metro and Boston. In the past, increases in quarterly counts of children in placement have occurred in all quarters, but most often in the 2nd and 3rd quarters (spanning the winter months). (**Fig. 3** on page 10)

Children Not in Placement

- At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2008, there were 34,176 children less than 18 years old with an active case status who were not in placement. From the 2nd to the 3rd quarter, counts of children not in placement increased 2% statewide. Regional changes ranged from less than 1% in the both the West and Southeast to 5% in the Northeast. Quarterly counts of children not in placement display a fluctuating pattern with a distinct drop during the first quarter (summer vacation). (**Fig. 4** on page 10)

Age, Sex, Race, Hispanic Origin and Preferred Language of Consumers

- On the last day of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2008, the consumer population included 43,409 (52%) children less than 18 years old and 39,304 (48%) adults 18 years or older. Fifty-two percent of all consumers were identified as female, 47% as male, and 1% were unspecified as of the run-date. Thirty-seven percent (16,225) of all children were adolescents (12 to 17 years old). (**Table 1, Fig. 5** on page 11)

- Forty-eight percent of all children receiving DCF services were female. In contrast, 57% of all adults receiving services were female. **(Fig. 5)**
- The statewide caseload was comprised of 56% White, 16% Black, 2% Asian, 2% Multi-Racial, and less than 1% Native American consumers. The category “Unable to Determine” was recorded for 15% of consumers. Selection of “Unable to Determine” often coincides with self-identification as Hispanic/Latino. Race was not recorded for 9% of consumers. **(Table 3A on page 12, Figs. 6A and 6B on page 13)**
- Of the total consumer population, 24% (19,886 consumers) were of Hispanic origin. Regionally, the highest proportions (and numbers) of Hispanic consumers were in the West and Northeast. Hispanic origin could not be determined for 4% of DCF consumers. Hispanic origin was not recorded for 14% of DCF consumers. **(Table 3B on page 12, Figs. 6C and 6D on page 14)**
- The Boston Region’s caseload was comprised of 45% Black and 22% White consumers (4,618 and 2,272 consumers, respectively). Asians were most prominent in the Northeast--6% of the caseload (887 consumers, mainly Cambodian). **(Table 3A, Figs. 6A and 6B)**

- A racial comparison of children receiving various services from DCF to children residing in Massachusetts is displayed in the Table A. Black children and Hispanic children are over-represented at all stages in the DCF system. However, the actual extent of racial and ethnic disproportionality is not known given the number of children whose race and/or ethnicity has not been recorded. Additionally, this comparison of statewide statistics does not take into consideration the significant differences in racial and ethnic composition among communities across the state.

Table A.		Children Less than 18 Years Old							
Race	State Census ² 2000	DCF Not in Substitute Care 3/31/08	DCF All in Substitute Care* 3/31/08	DCF Foster Care 3/31/08	DCF Congregate Care** 3/31/08	DCF All Care w/Goal of Adoption 3/31/08	DCF All Care w/Goal of Guardianship 3/31/08	DCF Adoptions Legalized FY'2007	DCF Guardianships Legalized FY'2007
White	79%	56%	59%	59%	62%	61%	64%	61%	58%
Black	7%	16%	19%	18%	20%	16%	16%	13%	25%
Asian	4%	3%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Native American	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	----	<1%	<1%
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	----	----	----	<1%	<1%
Multi- Racial	4%	3%	5%	6%	3%	8%	5%	8%	4%
Other/ Unknown	6%	21%	15%	16%	14%	15%	14%	17%	11%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL #	1,500,064	34,176	9,233	6,835	1,934	2,475	541	790	521
Hispanic Origin ³ Yes	11%	30%	26%	26%	24%	25%	23%	27%	20%
Hispanic Origin No	89%	63%	69%	68%	72%	68%	74%	64%	75%
Hispanic Origin Unknown	----	7%	6%	6%	4%	8%	4%	8%	5%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

NOTE: The summation of relative percentages may not be equal to 100% due to rounding-off.

*Substitute Care includes: foster care, congregate care, on the run from placement, and non-referral locations such as hospitals, nursing homes, and other state agencies. Despite placement with other state agencies, DCF retains custody of the child. **Congregate Care includes: group home, residential, and short-term residential placement.

- Table B on the following page displays the racial (and Hispanic origin) composition of children residing in the 11 largest cities in Massachusetts. There is a high minority representation in Boston, Springfield, and to a lesser degree, Brockton and Cambridge. Hispanic children are most prevalent in Springfield, and they are a notable presence in Lynn, Worcester, Boston, and Lowell. The proportion of Asian children is highest in Lowell and Quincy.

² U.S. Census Bureau, American Fact Finder (factfinder.census.gov), Decennial Census, Census 2000 Summary, File 1 (SF 1) 100-Percent Data, Detailed Tables (P12, P12A-H), Select Geography.

³ Children of any race who are Hispanic

Table B. Census 2000: Children less than 18 Years old residing in the 11 largest cities in Massachusetts⁴

Race	Boston	Worcester	Springfield	Lowell	Lynn	Brockton	New Bedford	Fall River	Cambridge	Quincy	Newton
White	32%	65%	41%	56%	54%	48%	70%	84%	52%	72%	85%
Black	40%	10%	26%	5%	14%	24%	6%	5%	24%	3%	2%
Asian	7%	6%	2%	23%	10%	3%	1%	4%	9%	21%	9%
Native American	1%	1%	<1%	<1%	1%	<1%	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	----	<1%
Multi- Racial	6%	6%	6%	6%	8%	12%	9%	4%	9%	3%	3%
Other/ Unknown	14%	12%	24%	9%	14%	14%	14%	3%	6%	1%	1%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL #	116,559	40,727	44,027	28,341	24,051	26,254	23,327	22,179	13,447	15,381	17,811
Hispanic Origin ⁵ Yes	24%	26%	40%	21%	27%	12%	17%	7%	13%	3%	3%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

⁴ Selection of cities was based on total population (adults and children).⁵ Children of any race who are Hispanic

Preferred Language of Consumers

- The Western, Northeastern, and Boston Regions had the highest proportions (and numbers) of Spanish-speaking consumers, 7% (1,197 consumers), 8% (1,125), and 10% (979), respectively. Khmer (Cambodian) was the preferred language of 343 DCF consumers (<1%). Khmer-speaking consumers were mainly concentrated in the Northeast. Other languages and their regions of highest prevalence were Portuguese (Southeast and Metro), Haitian Creole (Metro and Boston), Vietnamese (Boston), Cape Verdean Creole (Southeast and Boston), Chinese (Metro), and Lao (Northeast). (**Table 4** on page 15)
- From 1987 to 1997, there were substantial increases in consumers whose preferred languages were Khmer, Lao, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, and Spanish. In the following decade (1997-2007), there were declines in consumers from all of these language groups. Although there was a decline in consumers with these preferred /primary languages, there was not a decline in DCF consumers from these ethnic groups. As with all immigrant groups, their children become fluent in English. The new immigrant communities continue to grow, but as time passes those who are fluent in their native language make up a smaller proportion of their community. (See table below)

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Primary Language	Consumers Jul. 1987 No.	Consumers Jul. 1997 No.	Consumers Jun. 2007 No.	Consumers Mar. 2008 No.	1987-1997 Change %	1997-2007 Change %
English/Unspecified*	60,784	66,404	71,398	75,076	9%	8%
Spanish	3,664	6,334	4,516	4,782	73%	-29%
Khmer Cambodian	253	851	356	343	236%	-58%
Portuguese	530	380	303	305	-28%	-20%
Haitian Creole	175	360	260	248	106%	-28%
Vietnamese	146	273	167	163	87%	-39%
Cape Verdean Creole	174	247	146	189	42%	-41%
Chinese	71	61	54	65	-14%	-11%
American Sign Language	47	23	41	36	-51%	78%
Lao	30	74	20	36	147%	-73%
Other	213	310	1,459	1,470	46%	371%
Total	66,087	75,317	78,720	82,713	14%	5%

* When a primary language was unspecified, it was presumed to be English.

TABLE 1. CASE AND CONSUMER COUNTS BY LOCATION AND DSS REGION: FY'2008, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/08)

Case Counts:	DCF Geographic Region						Adoption		Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Contracts ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽²⁾	
Adoption	376	280	269	222	338	176	150	1	1,812
Clinical	4,656	3,393	4,056	3,380	4,920	2,945	6	45	23,401
Total	5,032	3,673	4,325	3,602	5,258	3,121	156	46	25,213
Consumer Counts:									
Adults: ⁽³⁾									
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾	267	164	374	235	322	233	---	27	1,622
Other ⁽⁶⁾	3	8	5	2	---	9	---	---	27
On the Run	1	3	1	1	---	4	---	---	10
Total in Placement	271	175	380	238	322	246	---	27	1,659
Not in Placement	7,639	5,778	6,128	5,300	8,194	4,596	---	10	37,645
Total Adults	7,910	5,953	6,508	5,538	8,516	4,842	---	37	39,304
Children:									
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾	1,912	1,305	1,397	1,190	1,678	1,031	239	17	8,769
Other ⁽⁶⁾	42	45	59	35	36	37	4	---	258
On the Run	60	19	40	19	29	38	1	---	206
Total in Placement	2,014	1,369	1,496	1,244	1,743	1,106	244	17	9,233
Not in Placement	7,037	5,351	6,019	4,477	6,956	4,323	11	2	34,176
Total Children	9,051	6,720	7,515	5,721	8,699	5,429	255	19	43,409
Total	16,961	12,673	14,023	11,259	17,215	10,271	255	56	82,713

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽³⁾ Adults are consumers 18 years or older.

⁽⁴⁾ Children and young adults in the care/custody of DCF. "Adults" in Foster/Residential Care are being transitioned to the Departments of Mental Health (DMH) and Mental Retardation (DMR) or are supported by DCF until graduation from a full-time school or vocational training program (through age 23 for a Bachelor's Degree).

⁽⁵⁾ See Tables 5A, 5B, and 5C for a breakdown by type of placement.

⁽⁶⁾ "Other" includes locations such as hospitals and other state agencies.

FIGURE 1. CASE COUNT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2007, END OF 4TH QUARTER TO FY'2008, END OF 3RD QUARTER)

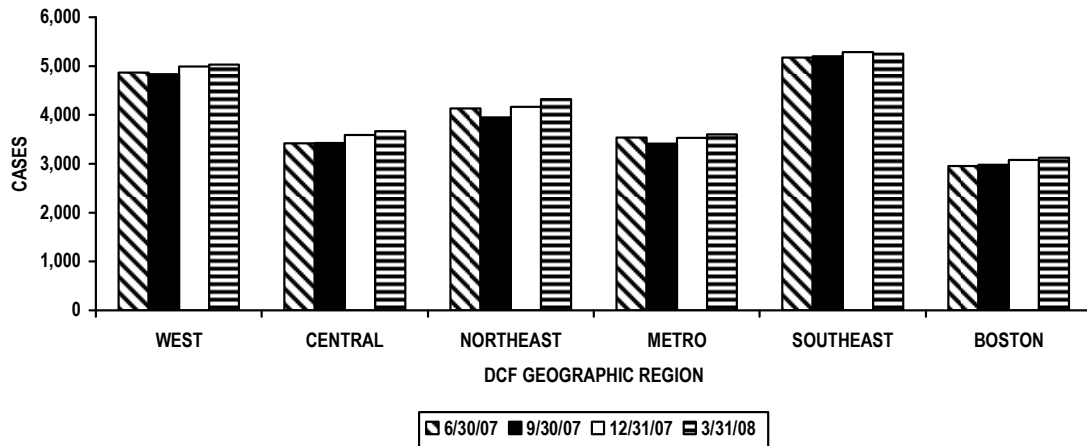


FIGURE 2. CONSUMER COUNT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2007, END OF 4TH QUARTER TO FY'2008, END OF 3RD QUARTER)

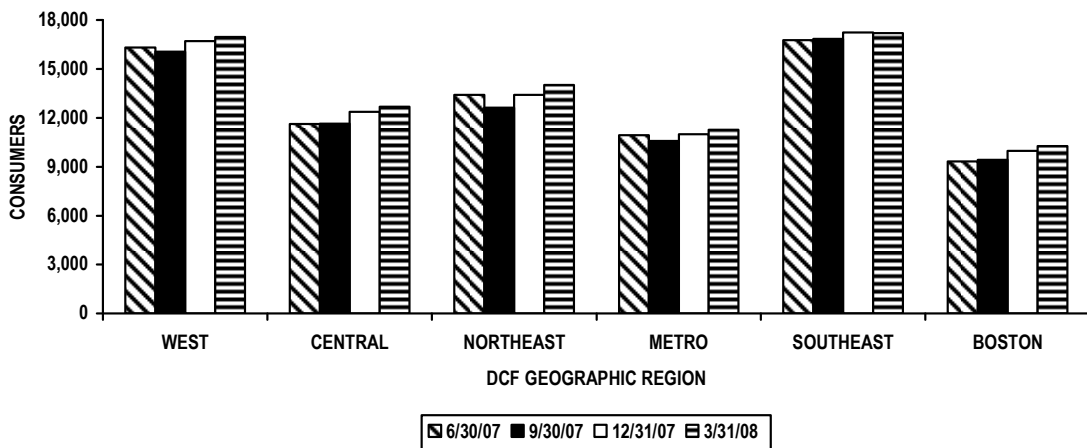


TABLE 2. CHILD⁽¹⁾ CASELOAD BY DCF: FY'2008, End of 3RD QUARTER 3/31/08)

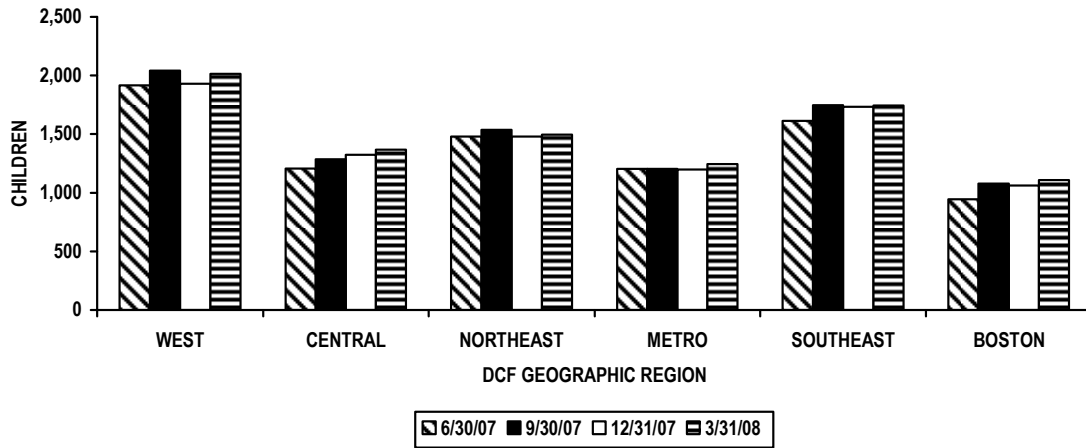
DCF Region/Area	Not in Placement	In Placement	Total Child Caseload	% in Placement
Greenfield	885	340	1,225	28%
Holyoke	1,437	391	1,828	21%
Pittsfield	909	407	1,316	31%
Robert Van Wart	2,085	365	2,450	15%
Springfield	1,709	508	2,217	23%
Contracted Agencies	12	3	12	---
West	7,037	2,014	9,051	22%
North Central	1,511	366	1,877	19%
South Central	1,236	293	1,529	19%
Worcester East	1,371	370	1,741	21%
Worcester West	1,227	334	1,561	21%
Contracted Agencies	6	6	12	50%
Central	5,351	1,369	6,720	20%
Cape Ann	954	231	1,185	19%
Haverhill	926	246	1,172	21%
Lawrence	1,453	328	1,781	18%
Lowell	1,594	404	1,998	20%
Lynn	1,088	287	1,375	21%
Contracted Agencies	4	---	4	---
Northeast	6,019	1,496	7,515	20%
Arlington	847	236	1,083	22%
Cambridge	700	191	891	21%
Coastal	861	294	1,155	25%
Framingham	849	239	1,088	22%
Malden	1,215	276	1,491	19%
Contracted Agencies	5	8	13	62%
Metro	4,477	1,244	5,721	22%
Attleboro	933	230	1,163	20%
Brockton	1,226	323	1,549	21%
Cape Cod	845	210	1,055	20%
Fall River	1,218	350	1,568	22%
New Bedford	1,613	408	2,021	20%
Plymouth	1,108	217	1,325	16%
Contracted Agencies	13	5	18	28%
Southeast	6,956	1,743	8,699	20%
Dimock Street	877	231	1,108	21%
Harbor	1,250	267	1,517	18%
Hyde Park	770	259	1,029	25%
Park Street	1,426	347	1,773	20%
Contracted Agencies	---	2	2	100%
Boston	4,323	1,106	5,429	20%
Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾	11	244	255	96%
Other ⁽³⁾	2	17	19	89%
Total	34,176	9,233	43,409	21%

⁽¹⁾ Children are less than 18 years old.

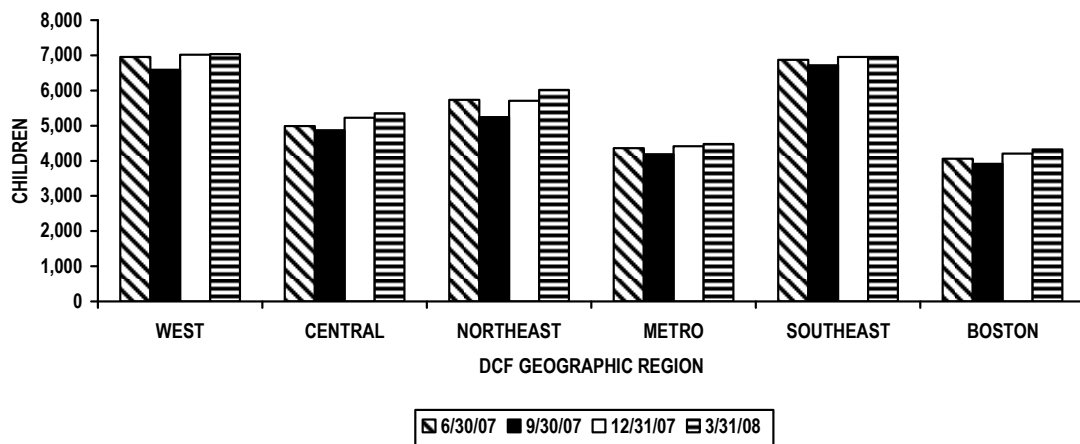
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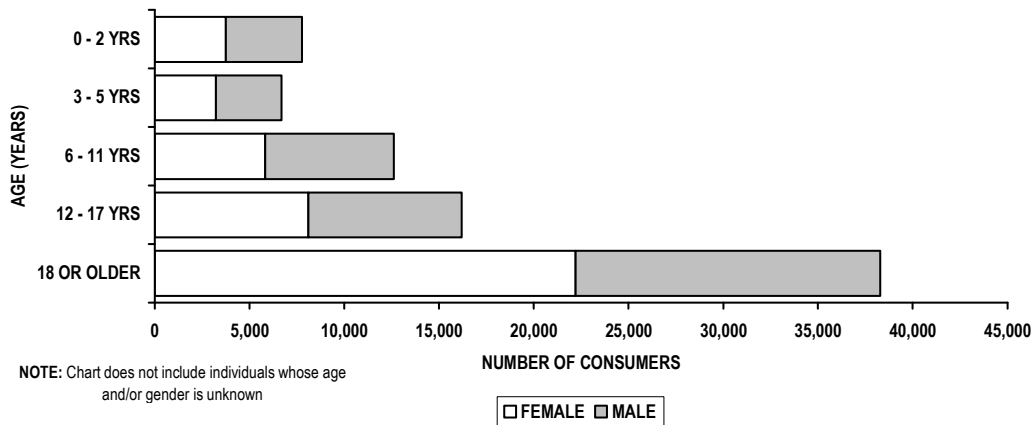
**FIGURE 3. CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2007, END OF 4TH QUARTER TO FY'2008, END OF 3RD QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 4. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2007, END OF 4TH QUARTER TO FY'2008, END OF 3RD QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 5. AGE AND SEX OF CONSUMERS: STATEWIDE
FY'2008, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/08)**



Age (Yrs)	Sex			Total
	Female	Male	Unspecified ⁽¹⁾	
0 - 2	3,743	4,023	38	7,804
3 - 5	3,223	3,465	17	6,705
6 - 11	5,825	6,791	45	12,661
12 - 17	8,115	8,079	31	16,225
18 or older	22,200	16,086	567	38,853
Unspecified ⁽¹⁾	86	174	205	465
Total	43,192	38,618	903	82,713

⁽¹⁾ Unspecified includes 451 individuals with the role "Consumer Adult" and 14 individuals with the role "Consumer Child" whose ages were unknown and 903 consumers whose gender was not specified as of the run date.

TABLE 3A. RACE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2008, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/08)

Race	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption		Other ⁽²⁾		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
White	9,654	57%	8,240	65%	8,039	57%	6,702	60%	10,919	63%	2,272	22%	122	48%	7	13%	45,955	56%
Black	1,801	11%	1,160	9%	1,094	8%	1,813	16%	2,299	13%	4,618	45%	45	18%	40	71%	12,870	16%
Asian	49	*	129	1%	887	6%	270	2%	126	1%	281	3%	9	4%	4	7%	1,755	2%
Native American	20	*	27	*	22	*	12	*	59	*	10	*	1	*	---	---	151	*
Other ⁽³⁾	12	*	6	*	10	*	3	*	11	*	7	*	---	---	---	---	49	*
Multi-Racial	449	3%	325	3%	337	2%	220	2%	472	3%	158	2%	20	8%	---	---	1,981	2%
Unable to Determine	2,785	16%	1,945	15%	2,688	19%	1,124	10%	1,469	9%	2,074	20%	58	23%	1	2%	12,144	15%
Missing	2,191	13%	841	7%	946	7%	1,115	10%	1,860	11%	851	8%	---	---	4	7%	7,808	9%
Total	16,961	100%	12,673	100%	14,023	100%	11,259	100%	17,215	100%	10,271	100%	255	100%	56	100%	82,713	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 3B. HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2008, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/08)

Origin	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption		Other ⁽³⁾		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽²⁾					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾	5,363	32%	3,177	25%	4,507	32%	1,630	14%	2,055	12%	3,076	30%	70	27%	8	14%	19,886	24%
Not Hispanic/Latino	8,408	50%	7,732	61%	7,794	56%	7,184	64%	11,638	68%	5,632	55%	172	67%	37	66%	48,597	59%
Unable to Determine	633	4%	445	4%	432	3%	436	4%	714	4%	320	3%	13	5%	2	4%	2,995	4%
Missing	2,557	15%	1,319	10%	1,290	9%	2,009	18%	2,808	16%	1,243	12%	---	---	9	16%	11,235	14%
Total	16,961	100%	12,673	100%	14,023	100%	11,259	100%	17,215	100%	10,271	100%	255	100%	56	100%	82,713	100%

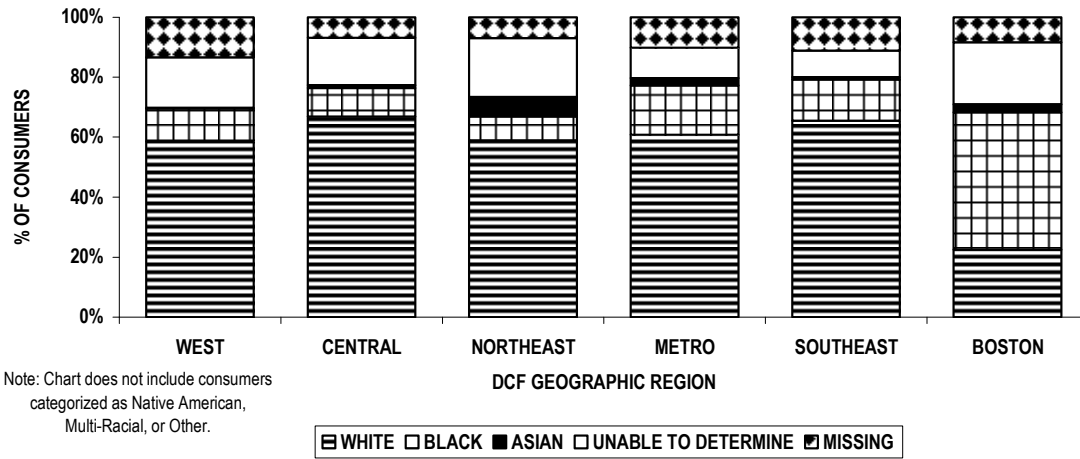
Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic origin.

⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽³⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**FIGURE 6A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'08, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/08)**



**FIGURE 6B. REGIONAL COUNT OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'08, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/08)**

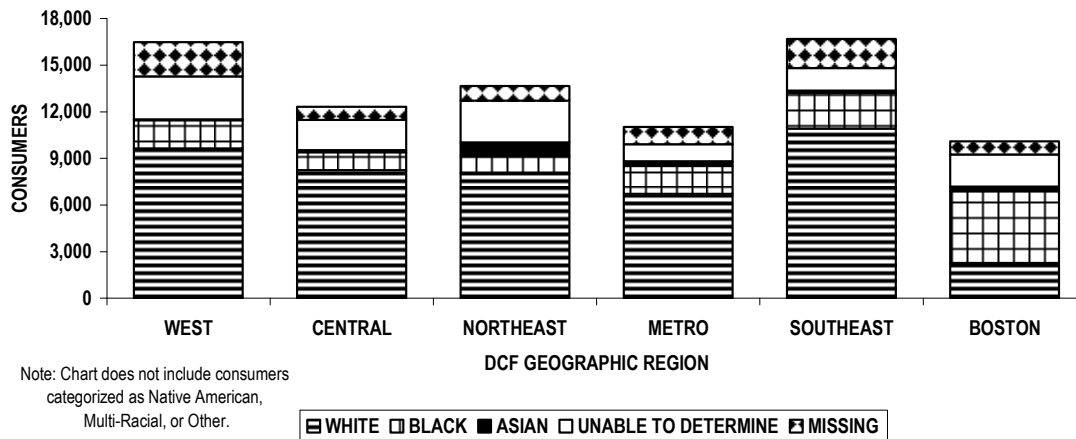


FIGURE 6C. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY HISPANIC ORIGIN
FY'08, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/08)

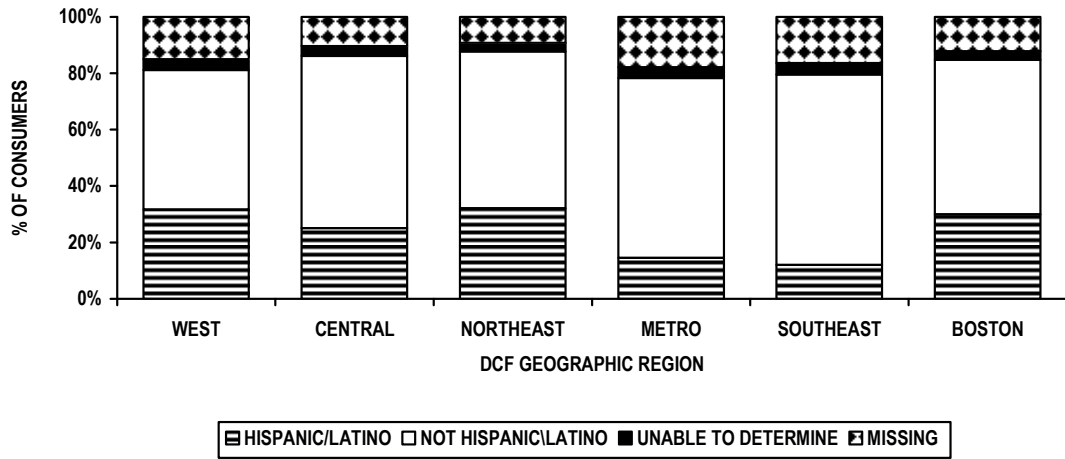


FIGURE 6D. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS BY HISPANIC ORIGIN
FY'08, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/08)

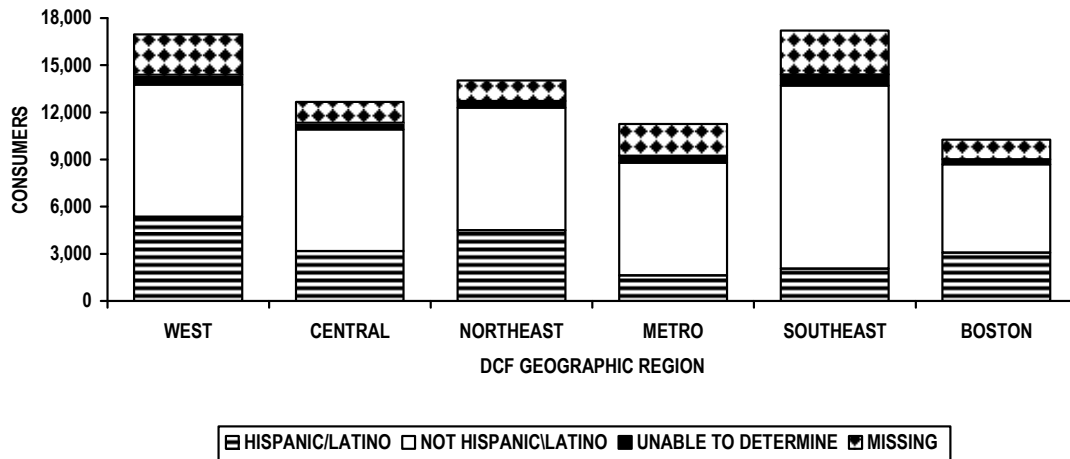


TABLE 4. PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2008, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/08)

Primary Language	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		No.		No.		No.	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Spanish	1,197	7%	667	5%	1,125	8%	416	4%	376	2%	979	10%	12	5%	10	18%	4,782	6%
Khmer (Cambodian)	5	*	5	*	269	2%	2	*	48	*	14	*	---	---	---	---	343	*
Portuguese	1	*	40	*	31	*	95	1%	112	1%	26	*	---	---	---	---	305	*
Haitian Creole	2	*	4	*	11	*	121	1%	43	*	67	1%	---	---	---	---	248	*
Vietnamese	---	---	32	*	15	*	37	*	10	*	66	1%	3	1%	---	---	163	*
Cape Verdean Creole	---	---	2	*	---	---	6	*	105	1%	76	1%	---	---	---	---	189	*
Chinese	4	*	4	*	2	*	35	*	1	*	16	*	---	---	3	5%	65	*
Lao	---	---	5	*	29	*	---	---	1	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	36	*
American Sign Lang.	6	*	4	*	7	*	7	*	5	*	7	*	---	---	---	---	36	*
Other	371	2%	206	2%	148	1%	200	2%	325	2%	196	2%	1	*	23	41%	1,470	2%
English\Unspecified	15,375	91%	11,704	92%	12,386	88%	10,340	92%	16,189	94%	8,823	86%	239	94%	20	36%	75,076	91%
Total	16,961	100%	12,673	100%	14,023	100%	11,259	100%	17,215	100%	10,271	100%	255	100%	56	100%	82,713	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

Profile of Consumers in Placement⁶

Foster and Congregate Care

- There were 8,045 consumers in foster care and 2,346 consumers in congregate care⁷ on the last day of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2008. Foster care populations were highest in the Western and Southeastern Regions. The number of consumers in congregate care was greatest in the Metro, Northeastern, and Southeastern Regions. **(Table 5A)**
- The largest age group in foster care was 12-17 years (32-37% range across regions). Among regions, the West, Southeast, and Northeast had the highest numbers of adolescents in foster care, 645, 514, and 481, respectively. **(Table 5A)**
- Adolescents were the primary age group in congregate care, ranging from 63% to 75% across the regions. The Metro, Southeastern, and Northeastern Regions had the largest adolescent populations in congregate care, 354, 306, and 293, respectively. **(Table 5A)**
- Consumers in “Other” placement locations⁸ were primarily adolescents (64-92% regional range). **(Table 5A)**
- There were 2,064 consumers in “Intensive” foster care⁹ (IFC) and 5,981 consumers in “Departmental” foster care. Departmental foster care was separated into unrestricted (39% of consumers), kinship (31%), child specific (10%), pre-adoptive (7%), and independent living (12%). **(Table 5B)**
- The Western and Northeastern Regions had the highest numbers of consumers in IFC. **(Table 5B).**
- A breakdown of Departmental foster care showed the West had the largest number of consumers in unrestricted, child-specific, and pre-adoptive foster care. The Southeast had the most consumers in kinship care. Consumers in independent living were highest in the Northeast. **(Fig. 7B, Table 5B)**

⁶Consumers include children less than 18 years old and young adults 18 to 23 years old.

⁷Congregate Care includes: group home, residential, and short-term residential placement.

⁸“Other” includes locations like hospitals, nursing homes, and other state agencies, as well as children on the run from placement.

⁹Intensive Foster Care encompasses and expands upon services formerly known as “Contracted” Foster Care (Therapeutic, Diagnostic, Independent Living, Emergency Shelter, and Other models). IFC programs provide therapeutic services and supports in a family-based placement setting to children and youth for whom a traditional foster care environment is not sufficiently supportive, who are transitioning from a residential/group home level of care and require the intensity of services available through this program, or who are being discharged from a hospital setting.

- The proportions of consumers in different types of departmental foster care are displayed for each region in Figure 7A. Consumers in unrestricted homes were most prevalent in the West. Metro had the largest proportion of consumers in kinship homes. Consumers in child-specific homes were most evident in the West and Metro. The Central Region had the highest proportion of consumers in pre-adoptive homes. Consumers in independent living were proportionally higher in the Northeast as compared to the other regions. **(Fig. 7A)**
- The major congregate care programs were group homes (1,032 consumers), residential (940), and short-term residential placement services (Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration also known as STARR)¹⁰ (374 consumers). **(Table 5C)**
- The proportions of consumers in different types of congregate care are shown for each region in Figure 8A. The Western Region had the highest proportion of consumers in group homes. The proportion of consumers in residential placements was most significant in Boston. Children in STARR placements were more prevalent in the Southeastern Region. **(Fig. 8A)**
- The number of consumers in group homes was highest in the Northeast and Metro. The Northeast and Metro also had the most consumers in residential. The Southeast had the most children in the STARR program. **(Fig. 8B)**
- Consumers in the residential program were mostly situated in Residential schools.¹¹ **(Table 5C)**
- The primary models in the group home program were group home (415 consumers), behavioral treatment residence (BTR) (399), and independent living (218). **(Table 5C)**
- From the 2nd to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2008, there was a statewide increase of 2% in foster care children and an increase of 4% in congregate care children.¹² Regionally, the highest increase in the foster care population occurred in the West, Central, and Boston (4% each). The most significant gain in congregate care children occurred in the Metro Region (12%). **(Figs. 9 and 10).**

¹⁰ Services focused on supporting a rapid reintegration or transition to a next placement.

¹¹ Staff secure placement is for children who have not sufficiently internalized behavioral controls and require a more highly structured setting to help them manage their behavior. These facilities are licensed by the Department of Education. Special education services are provided according to the child's Individual Education Plan (IEP).

¹² Both foster care and congregate care include young adults 18 years or older.

All Placement Locations (Combined Counts)

- At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2008, the statewide placement population was comprised of 51% boys and 49% girls. Regionally, the gender difference showed little deviation from the state (**Table 6A, Fig. 11A**). The proportions of male and female children in the placement population were the same as in the general population.¹³
- Statewide, 59% of all consumers in placement were White, 20% were Black, 2% were Asian, less than 1% were Native American, and 5% were multi-racial. Race was unknown for 15% of the placement population. (**Table 6A, Fig. 11A**)
- The proportion of minority consumers in placement, as with the local population, was highest in the Boston Region. (**Table 6A**)
- Of the total placement population, 25% (2,716 consumers) self-identified as being of Hispanic origin. Hispanic consumers were most prevalent in the Western and Northeastern Regions. (**Table 6A, Fig. 11A**)
- Race was unknown for a relatively large number of consumers in placement in the Northeastern and Western Regions. These high values may be attributable to the large number of Hispanic consumers in placement, who may not self-identify with any of the racial categories. (**Table 6A**)
- Adolescents were the largest age group in placement in each of the DCF Regions. The proportion of adolescents ranged from 41% to 49%. (**Table 6B**)
- The number of young adults (18 years or older) in placement ranged from 175 in the Central Region to 380 in the Northeastern Region. (**Table 6B**)
- The service plan goals displayed in Table 6B are a combination of new and old taxonomy. As time passes, the old goals will gradually disappear (Living Independently, Long-term Substitute Care, Long-term Care w/ASA). The most prominent service plan goals of consumers in placement were Family Reunification (32% of all consumers in placement), Adoption (23%), and Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement¹⁴ (14%). Regionally, the Southeast and West had the highest numbers of consumers in placement with a goal of reunifying the family. The West had the highest number of consumers in placement with a goal of adoption. (**Table 6B, Fig. 11B**)

¹³ Massachusetts child population: 51% male and 49% female (July 1, 2006). U.S. Census Bureau, State Population Estimates–Characteristics (www.census.gov/popest/states/asrh/tables/SC_EST2006-02-25.XLS)

¹⁴ Goal to establish with youth 16 years or older a lifelong permanent connection, as well as life skills training and a stable living environment that will support youth development into and through adulthood.

- On 3/31/2008, 36% of the statewide placement population had a length of stay of 2 or more years¹⁵, 21% had been in continuous care between 1 and 2 years, and 42% for 1 year or less. **(Table 6B, Fig. 11B)**
- The Northeast had the highest proportion of consumers in continuous care¹⁶ for more than two years (42%). Central had the highest proportion of consumers in care for one year or less (47%). The West and Southeast had the largest numbers of consumers in care for one year or less (934 and 868, respectively). The West had the largest number of consumers in care for more than two years (827). **(Table 6B)**
- Tables 7A and 7B display the race and Hispanic origin of consumers in placement by their length of time in continuous care. There was a tendency for a greater proportion of Black consumers to be in care for more than two years as compared to other races (39% for Black vs. 36% for White, 37% for Hispanic, 34% for Asian, 34% for Unable to Determine, 29% for Multi-Racial). **(Tables 7A and 7B)**
- At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2008 ("snapshot" on 3/31/08), the median time in continuous care was 1.1 years and the median¹⁷ age was 12.4 years for all children less than 18 years old in placement. (see table on next page)
- Median age of children in care rose from 9.2 years in 1992 to 12.2 years in 2003. For the past six years, median age has remained at the 12 year mark (fluctuations ranging from 12.2 to 12.6 years). Median time in placement has been fairly stable over the past 17 years (1.5 years in 1992 to 1.1 years in 2008). (See table on next page).

¹⁵ Length of stay in placement, as measured by a "point-in-time snapshot" of consumers residing in care, is not representative of all individuals who spend time in care during some specified period. It is biased because consumers in continuous long-term placement are over-represented in "snapshot" counts while many others who enter and leave placement quickly are not counted at all.

¹⁶ Continuous time in care is defined as the span of time from the child's most recent placement entry to the Quarter End Date (March 31, 2008).

¹⁷ Half of the children are younger than the median and half are older.

Children in Placement*			
Date	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
7/92	9.2	1.5	12,311
7/93	9.3	1.6	12,577
7/94	9.1	1.4	12,977
7/95	9.2	1.3	13,056
7/96	9.7	1.4	12,643
7/97	10.2	1.4	11,957
9/98**	10.5	1.4	10,872
6/99**	11.0	1.2	10,134
6/00**	11.2	1.5	9,676
6/01**	11.5	1.4	9,955
6/02	11.9	1.5	10,033
6/03	12.2	1.5	10,233
6/04	12.3	1.5	9,829
6/05	12.6	1.4	9,474
6/06	12.6	1.2	9,586
6/07	12.4	1.2	8,620
9/07	12.3	1.1	9,161
12/07	12.6	1.1	8,979
3/08	12.4	1.1	9,233

* = Children are less than 18 years old.

** = revised statistics

- A racial and Hispanic origin breakdown of children in placement is presented in the following table. The median age of most minority children was greater than the median age of white children. Median time in care was similar for white and minority children. Older children are over-represented in “snapshot” counts of the placement population. On 3/31/08, 52% of children less than 18 years old in placement were adolescents.

Children in Placement on 3/31/08*			
Race	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
White	12.2	1.1	5,439
Black	13.6	1.0	1,740
Asian	14.6	0.8	140
Native American	11.6	1.3	18
Pacific Islander	11.4	1.0	4
Multi-Racial	6.7	1.0	465
Unable to Determine	12.6	1.0	1,415
Unknown	14.3	0.4	12
TOTAL	12.4	1.1	9,233
Hispanic Origin**	12.9	1.2	2,375

* = Children are less than 18 years old.

** = Children of any race who are Hispanic

Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption

- Out of 2,480 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 1,519 (61%) were White, 390 (16%) were Black, 16 (1%) were Asian, 5 (<1%) were Native American, and 187 (8%) were multi-racial. Race could not be determined for 15%. Twenty-five percent (608) of all consumers in placement with a goal of adoption were of Hispanic origin. (**Tables 8A and 8B, Fig. 12A**)
- The age distribution of 2,480 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption was: 28% age 0-2 years, 23% age 3-5 years, 35% age 6-11 years, and 14% age 12-17 years. (**Table 8C, Fig. 12A**)
- Fifty-one percent of the consumers with a goal of adoption were male and 49% were female. (**Fig. 12A**)
- Forty-three percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of adoption had been in continuous placement for more than two years. (**Table 8D, Fig. 12A**)
- Forty-two percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of guardianship had been in continuous placement for more than two years. (**Table 8D**)
- There has been a decline in the number of children¹⁸ in placement with a goal of adoption since 1994 (peak value of 4,522). In 1997, this group of “waiting” children fell below 4,000 for the first time since 1991. In general, changes in the number of children with a goal of adoption have coincided with changes in the placement population. (See table on next page)
- The proportion of “waiting” children reached its highest level in 1994 (35%). Since 1994, the proportion of children with a goal of adoption has dropped to 26-28% in 2006-2008. (See table on next page)

¹⁸ Children are less than 18 years old.

Date	Children in Placement	Children in Placement with a Goal of Adoption	% of Children with a Goal of Adoption
7/91	12,397	3,541	29%
7/92	12,311	4,116	33%
7/93	12,577	4,244	34%
7/94	12,977	4,522	35%
7/95	13,056	4,352	33%
7/96	12,463	4,251	34%
7/97	11,957	3,673	31%
1/98	11,170	3,489	31%
9/98	10,872*	NA	NA
6/99	10,134*	3,118	31%
6/00	9,676*	3,089	32%
6/01	9,955*	2,859	29%
6/02	10,033	2,844	28%
6/03	10,233	2,864*	28%
6/04	9,829	2,761*	28%
6/05	9,474	2,569	27%
6/06	9,586	2,481	26%
6/07	8,620	2,408	28%
9/07	9,161	2,485	27%
12/07	8,979	2,392	27%
3/08	9,233	2,475	27%

Notes: **Children are less than 18 years old.**

* = revised statistics

- Of the 2,480 “waiting” consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 39% were legally free for adoption. Eighty-two percent of the freed children were matched to a permanent family. **(Fig. 12B)**
- The adolescent age group had the highest proportion of children who were legally free for adoption (see table on next page). The larger proportion of adolescents legally free is a reflection of the difficulty in achieving adoptions for older children. The younger children who are legally free are getting adopted while the adolescents who are legally free are “stuck” in placement. A separate analysis of children adopted in FY’2007 showed that the proportion of older children (12-17 years old) who were adopted accounted for only 9% of all adoptions. The amount of time from legally freed to adoption is much longer for these older children.

	Children in Placement 3/31/08		% Legally Free for Adoption
	Children with Goal of Adoption & Legally Free for Adoption	All Children with Goal of Adoption	
Age Group (years)	No.	No.	%
0 – 2	271	692	39%
3 – 5	203	562	36%
6 – 11	320	865	37%
12 – 17	178	356	50%
Total	972	2,475	39%

Note: These children are less than 18 years old. Parental consent to adoption is not required once a child reaches 18 years of age.

- Of those children who were not legally free for adoption (61%), 70% were matched to permanent families (**Fig. 12B**).
- The Southeastern and Boston Regions had the highest proportions (58% and 57%, respectively) of “waiting” children who were legally free for adoption. The proportion of legally free children ranged from 23% in the West to 58% in the Southeast. (**Fig. 12C**)
- The Metro and Western Regions had the highest proportions of “waiting” children who were matched to a permanent family (85% and 81%, respectively). The proportion of children matched to a permanent family ranged from 59% in the Northeast to 85% in Metro. Matching a child to an adoptive family can occur before, during, or after the legal proceedings to free a child for adoption. (**Fig. 12D**)

**TABLE 5A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2008, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/08)**

		Placement Location of Consumers						
DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other ⁽²⁾		Total No.
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
West		1,840		339		106		2,285
	(0 - 2 yrs)	355	19%	1	*	1	1%	357
	(3 - 5 yrs)	244	13%	1	*	2	2%	247
	(6 - 11 yrs)	390	21%	41	12%	7	7%	438
	(12 - 17 yrs)	645	35%	235	69%	92	87%	972
	18 or older	206	11%	61	18%	4	4%	271
Central		1,173		296		75		1,544
	(0 - 2 yrs)	233	20%	---	---	---	---	233
	(3 - 5 yrs)	170	14%	5	2%	1	1%	176
	(6 - 11 yrs)	258	22%	53	18%	15	20%	326
	(12 - 17 yrs)	375	32%	211	71%	48	64%	634
	18 or older	137	12%	27	9%	11	15%	175
Northeast		1,308		463		105		1,876
	(0 - 2 yrs)	203	16%	---	---	4	4%	207
	(3 - 5 yrs)	148	11%	2	*	5	5%	155
	(6 - 11 yrs)	220	17%	50	11%	6	6%	276
	(12 - 17 yrs)	481	37%	293	63%	84	80%	858
	18 or older	256	20%	118	25%	6	6%	380
Metro		951		474		57		1,482
	(0 - 2 yrs)	182	19%	---	---	3	5%	185
	(3 - 5 yrs)	111	12%	2	*	1	2%	114
	(6 - 11 yrs)	169	18%	43	9%	1	2%	213
	(12 - 17 yrs)	329	35%	354	75%	49	86%	732
	18 or older	160	17%	75	16%	3	5%	238
Southeast		1,564		436		65		2,065
	(0 - 2 yrs)	327	21%	1	*	1	2%	329
	(3 - 5 yrs)	183	12%	5	1%	---	---	188
	(6 - 11 yrs)	278	18%	64	15%	4	6%	346
	(12 - 17 yrs)	514	33%	306	70%	60	92%	880
	18 or older	262	17%	60	14%	---	---	322
Boston		926		338		88		1,352
	(0 - 2 yrs)	165	18%	---	---	1	1%	166
	(3 - 5 yrs)	103	11%	2	1%	1	1%	106
	(6 - 11 yrs)	150	16%	31	9%	4	5%	185
	(12 - 17 yrs)	346	37%	234	69%	69	78%	649
	18 or older	162	17%	71	21%	13	15%	246
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾		239		---		5		244
	(0 - 2 yrs)	33	14%	---	---	---	---	33
	(3 - 5 yrs)	58	24%	---	---	2	40%	60
	(6 - 11 yrs)	108	45%	---	---	2	40%	110
	(12 - 17 yrs)	40	17%	---	---	1	20%	41
Other ⁽⁴⁾		44		---		---		44
	(3 - 5 yrs)	1	2%	---	---	---	---	1
	(6 - 11 yrs)	2	5%	---	---	---	---	2
	(12 - 17 yrs)	14	32%	---	---	---	---	14
	18 or older	27	61%	---	---	---	---	27
Total		8,045		2,346		501		10,892

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DCF Region).

⁽²⁾ "Other" includes locations such as hospitals and other state agencies, as well as consumers on the run from placement.

⁽³⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽⁴⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**TABLE 5B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2008, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/08)**

		Foster Care							Foster Care Total
DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Intensive Foster Care		Departmental Foster Care					
		Intensive Foster Care ⁽²⁾	Other ⁽³⁾	Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive	Unrestricted	
West		447	7	166	131	354	107	628	1,840
	(0 - 2 yrs)	19	7	27	---	91	62	149	355
	(3 - 5 yrs)	27	---	16	---	68	28	105	244
	(6 - 11 yrs)	75	---	34	---	106	15	160	390
	(12 - 17 yrs)	279	---	75	8	85	2	196	645
	18 or older	47	---	14	123	4	---	18	206
Central		282	4	92	62	277	90	366	1,173
	(0 - 2 yrs)	5	1	8	---	78	35	106	233
	(3 - 5 yrs)	7	---	13	---	58	21	71	170
	(6 - 11 yrs)	65	---	27	---	64	27	75	258
	(12 - 17 yrs)	160	3	34	1	66	7	104	375
	18 or older	45	---	10	61	11	---	10	137
Northeast		382	22	74	170	310	41	309	1,308
	(0 - 2 yrs)	46	2	6	---	63	13	73	203
	(3 - 5 yrs)	23	1	7	---	66	7	44	148
	(6 - 11 yrs)	51	1	16	---	73	18	61	220
	(12 - 17 yrs)	212	10	36	4	105	3	111	481
	18 or older	50	8	9	166	3	---	20	256
Metro		227	4	87	93	261	42	237	951
	(0 - 2 yrs)	18	2	10	---	47	21	84	182
	(3 - 5 yrs)	18	---	7	---	57	6	23	111
	(6 - 11 yrs)	32	---	12	---	72	13	40	169
	(12 - 17 yrs)	135	2	40	4	77	2	69	329
	18 or older	24	---	18	89	8	---	21	160
Southeast		337	10	106	163	408	63	477	1,564
	(0 - 2 yrs)	18	1	13	---	102	36	157	327
	(3 - 5 yrs)	23	---	13	---	60	12	75	183
	(6 - 11 yrs)	59	---	15	---	102	11	91	278
	(12 - 17 yrs)	194	---	53	6	124	4	133	514
	18 or older	43	9	12	157	20	---	21	262
Boston		273	17	60	91	217	32	236	926
	(0 - 2 yrs)	20	2	8	---	49	18	68	165
	(3 - 5 yrs)	21	4	5	---	42	9	22	103
	(6 - 11 yrs)	52	5	11	---	48	1	33	150
	(12 - 17 yrs)	144	3	26	---	71	4	98	346
	18 or older	36	3	10	91	7	---	15	162
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾		52	---	18	---	50	38	81	239
	(0 - 2 yrs)	2	---	2	---	10	5	14	33
	(3 - 5 yrs)	8	---	5	---	14	12	19	58
	(6 - 11 yrs)	23	---	5	---	22	17	41	108
	(12 - 17 yrs)	19	---	6	---	4	4	7	40
Other ⁽⁵⁾		---	---	7	11	3	---	23	44
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	1
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	1	---	---	---	1	2
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	---	3	---	1	---	10	14
	18 or older	---	---	2	11	2	---	12	27
Total		2,000	64	610	721	1,880	413	2,357	8,045

⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DCF Region).

⁽²⁾ IFC includes "Teen Parent Rate" model.

⁽³⁾ Other includes "Sibling Rate" model.

⁽⁴⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽⁵⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**TABLE 5C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2008, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/08)**

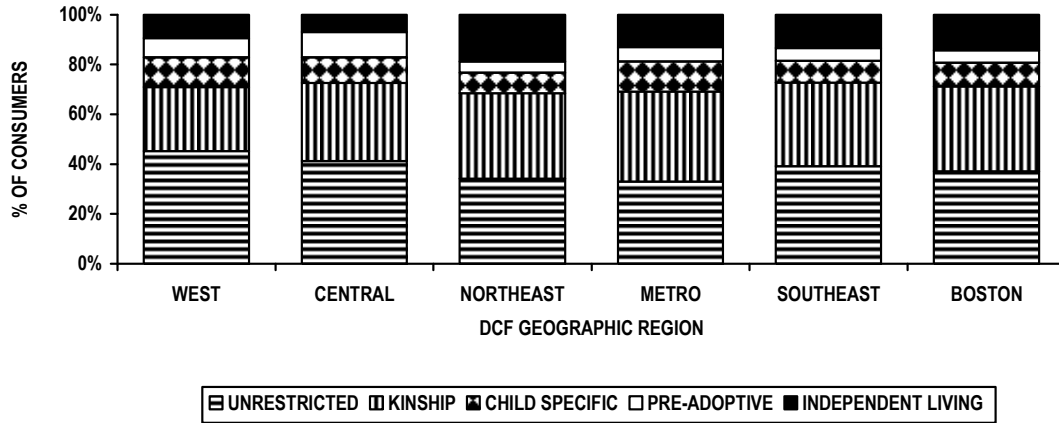
DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Congregate Care					STARR ⁽³⁾	Total
	Group Home			Residential			
	Behavioral Treatment Residence	Group Home	Independent Living	Residential School	Other Residential ⁽²⁾		
West	109	42	22	109	2	55	339
(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
(6 - 11 yrs)	8	4	---	22	---	7	41
(12 - 17 yrs)	96	16	2	74	1	46	235
18 or older	5	22	20	13	1	---	61
Central	69	61	4	100	6	56	296
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	4	5
(6 - 11 yrs)	10	9	---	20	---	14	53
(12 - 17 yrs)	52	44	2	72	4	37	211
18 or older	7	7	2	8	2	1	27
Northeast	75	63	74	197	---	54	463
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	2	2
(6 - 11 yrs)	11	7	---	26	---	6	50
(12 - 17 yrs)	62	48	12	125	---	46	293
18 or older	2	8	62	46	---	---	118
Metro	49	105	55	187	4	74	474
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	1	---	1	2
(6 - 11 yrs)	7	4	---	24	---	8	43
(12 - 17 yrs)	40	86	20	139	4	65	354
18 or older	2	15	35	23	---	---	75
Southeast	72	66	21	176	4	97	436
(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	4	5
(6 - 11 yrs)	24	1	---	23	---	16	64
(12 - 17 yrs)	44	53	9	122	3	75	306
18 or older	4	11	12	31	1	1	60
Boston	25	78	42	143	12	38	338
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	2	2
(6 - 11 yrs)	4	1	---	17	---	9	31
(12 - 17 yrs)	21	62	14	100	10	27	234
18 or older	---	15	28	26	2	---	71
Total	399	415	218	912	28	374	2,346

⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DCF Region).

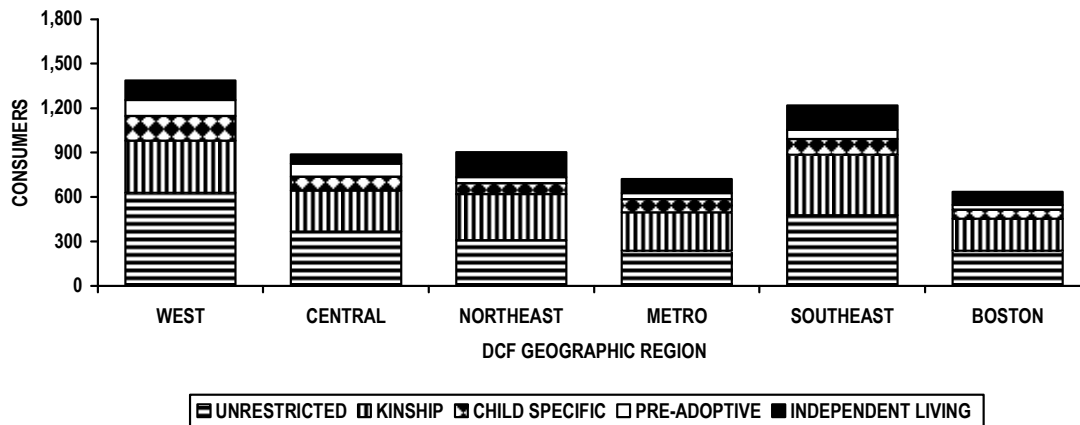
⁽²⁾ "Old" taxonomy includes bridge home (1), regular group home (1), Chap. 766 (2), teen pregnancy/parenting group home (24).

⁽³⁾ STARR = Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration (short-term residential placement service)

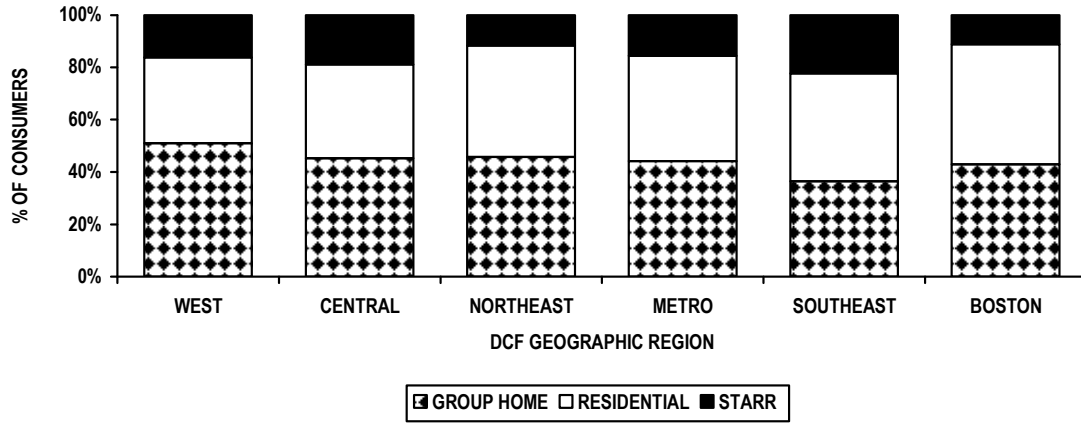
**FIGURE 7A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2008, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/08)**



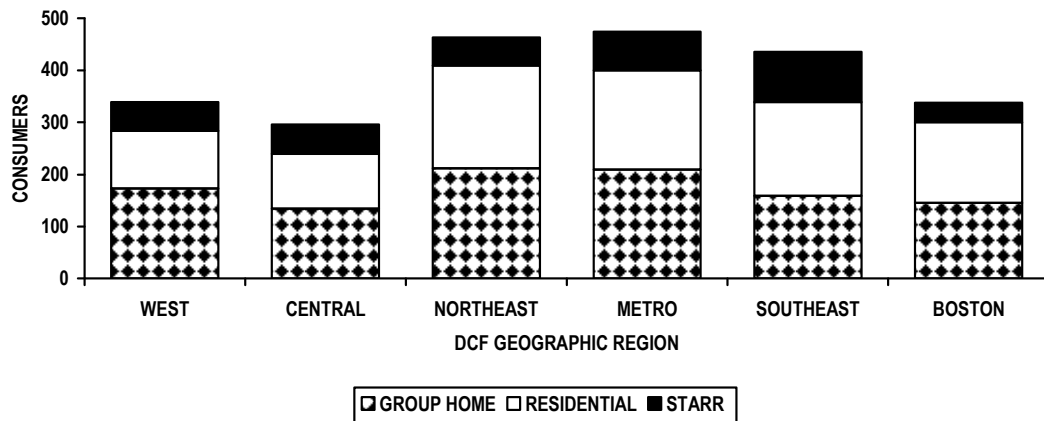
**FIGURE 7B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2008, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/08)**



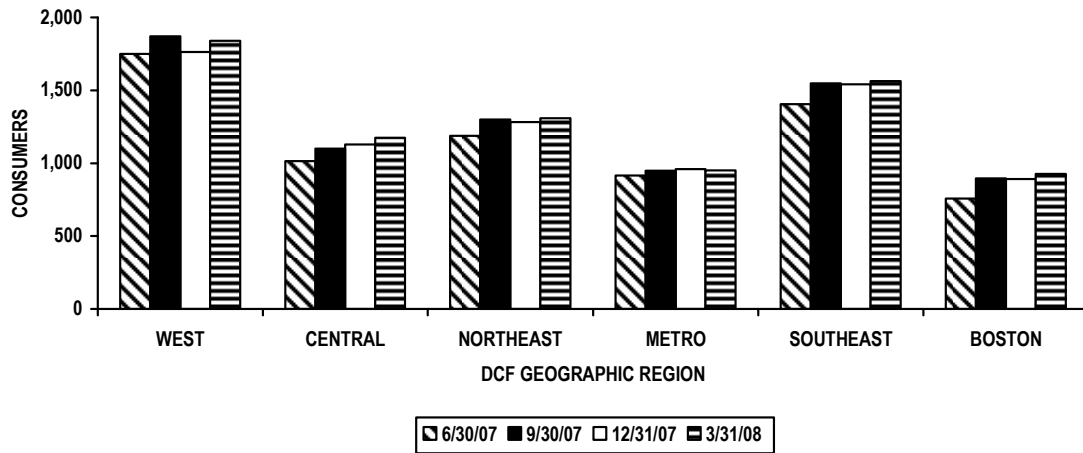
**FIGURE 8A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2008, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/08)**



**FIGURE 8B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2008, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/08)**



**FIGURE 9. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE BY DCF REGION
(FY'2007, END OF 4TH QUARTER TO FY'2008, END OF 3RD QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 10. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE BY DCF REGION
(FY'2007, END OF 4TH QUARTER TO FY'2008, END OF 3RD QUARTER)**

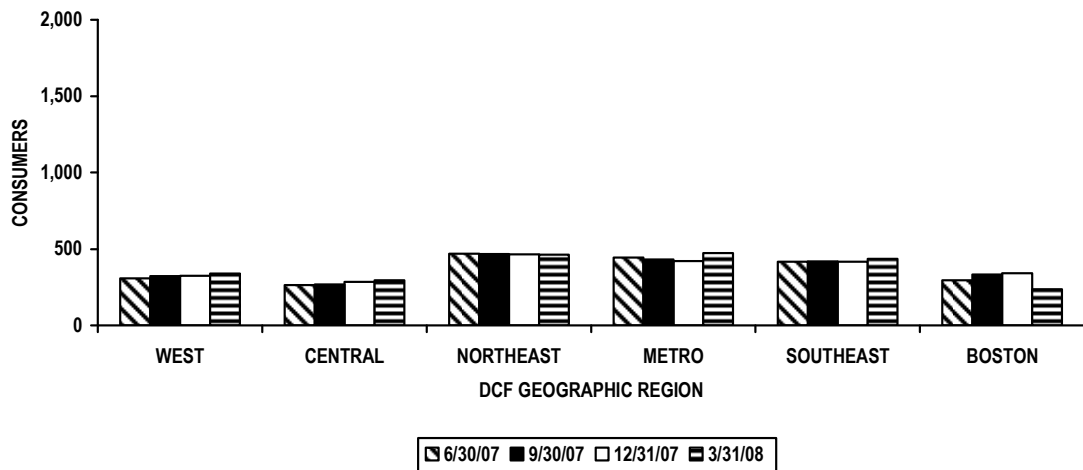


TABLE 6A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE:
FY'2008, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/08)

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾ Other ⁽²⁾				Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston							
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Sex:																		
Female	1,090	48%	767	50%	907	48%	725	49%	1,003	49%	689	51%	115	47%	20	45%	5,316	49%
Male	1,195	52%	777	50%	969	52%	757	51%	1,062	51%	663	49%	129	53%	24	55%	5,576	51%
Total	2,285	100%	1,544	100%	1,876	100%	1,482	100%	2,065	100%	1,352	100%	244	100%	44	100%	10,892	100%
Race:																		
White	1,475	65%	1,032	67%	1,108	59%	971	66%	1,386	67%	301	22%	115	47%	4	9%	6,392	59%
Black	330	14%	178	12%	185	10%	289	20%	348	17%	754	56%	43	18%	32	73%	2,159	20%
Asian	2	*	13	1%	86	5%	22	1%	10	*	32	2%	9	4%	4	9%	178	2%
Native American	3	*	2	*	2	*	2	*	10	*	3	*	1	*	---	---	23	*
Other ⁽³⁾	---	---	2	*	---	---	1	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	4	*
Multi-Racial	120	5%	64	4%	88	5%	60	4%	118	6%	37	3%	20	8%	---	---	507	5%
Unable to Determine	353	15%	249	16%	406	22%	137	9%	190	9%	225	17%	56	23%	1	2%	1,617	15%
Unknown	2	*	4	*	1	*	---	---	2	*	---	---	---	---	3	7%	12	*
Total	2,285	100%	1,544	100%	1,876	100%	1,482	100%	2,065	100%	1,352	100%	244	100%	44	100%	10,892	100%
Hispanic/Latino Origin:																		
Hispanic/Latino	744	33%	434	28%	662	35%	211	14%	279	14%	313	23%	67	27%	6	14%	2,716	25%
Not Hispanic/Latino	1,404	61%	1,022	66%	1,142	61%	1,194	81%	1,656	80%	977	72%	164	67%	31	70%	7,590	70%
Unable to Determine	136	6%	88	6%	72	4%	76	5%	128	6%	62	5%	13	5%	1	2%	576	5%
Unknown	1	*	---	---	---	---	1	*	2	*	---	---	---	---	6	14%	10	*
Total	2,285	100%	1,544	100%	1,876	100%	1,482	100%	2,065	100%	1,352	100%	244	100%	44	100%	10,892	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 6B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE: FY'2008, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/08)

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption				Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Age:																		
(0 - 2 yrs)	357	16%	233	15%	207	11%	185	12%	329	16%	166	12%	33	14%	---	---	1,510	14%
(3 - 5 yrs)	247	11%	176	11%	155	8%	114	8%	188	9%	106	8%	60	25%	1	2%	1,047	10%
(6 - 11 yrs)	438	19%	326	21%	276	15%	213	14%	346	17%	185	14%	110	45%	2	5%	1,896	17%
(12 - 17 yrs)	972	43%	634	41%	858	46%	732	49%	880	43%	649	48%	41	17%	14	32%	4,780	44%
18 or older	271	12%	175	11%	380	20%	238	16%	322	16%	246	18%	---	---	27	61%	1,659	15%
Total	2,285	100%	1,544	100%	1,876	100%	1,482	100%	2,065	100%	1,352	100%	244	100%	44	100%	10,892	100%
Service Plan Goals:																		
Family Reunification	660	29%	522	34%	583	31%	499	34%	724	35%	458	34%	1	*	1	2%	3,448	32%
Adoption	573	25%	449	29%	352	19%	229	15%	416	20%	221	16%	240	98%	---	---	2,480	23%
APPLA ⁽³⁾	259	11%	190	12%	278	15%	239	16%	287	14%	235	17%	---	---	3	7%	1,491	14%
Living Independently	190	8%	92	6%	213	11%	156	11%	195	9%	165	12%	---	---	26	59%	1,037	10%
Guardianship	130	6%	67	4%	92	5%	90	6%	123	6%	60	4%	2	1%	---	---	564	5%
Stabilization of Family	130	6%	65	4%	91	5%	68	5%	95	5%	83	6%	---	---	---	---	532	5%
Long-Term Substitute Care	125	5%	61	4%	106	6%	65	4%	89	4%	32	2%	---	---	3	7%	481	4%
Permanent Care with Kin	62	3%	32	2%	72	4%	55	4%	61	3%	26	2%	---	---	---	---	308	3%
Long-Term Care w/ASA ⁽⁴⁾	42	2%	22	1%	35	2%	23	2%	46	2%	23	2%	---	---	---	---	191	2%
Unspecified as of run-date	114	5%	44	3%	54	3%	58	4%	29	1%	49	4%	1	*	11	25%	360	3%
Total	2,285	100%	1,544	100%	1,876	100%	1,482	100%	2,065	100%	1,352	100%	244	100%	44	100%	10,892	100%
Continuous Time in Care:																		
(.5 yr or less)	529	23%	441	29%	450	24%	392	26%	499	24%	343	25%	9	4%	2	5%	2,665	24%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	405	18%	273	18%	299	16%	276	19%	369	18%	267	20%	14	6%	6	14%	1,909	18%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	272	12%	199	13%	183	10%	202	14%	272	13%	184	14%	27	11%	7	16%	1,346	12%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	252	11%	140	9%	164	9%	118	8%	201	10%	103	8%	42	17%	5	11%	1,025	9%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	448	20%	260	17%	374	20%	262	18%	403	20%	221	16%	102	42%	21	48%	2,091	19%
> 4 yrs	379	17%	231	15%	405	22%	232	16%	320	15%	234	17%	50	20%	3	7%	1,854	17%
Unspecified	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	*
Total	2,285	100%	1,544	100%	1,876	100%	1,482	100%	2,065	100%	1,352	100%	244	100%	44	100%	10,892	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

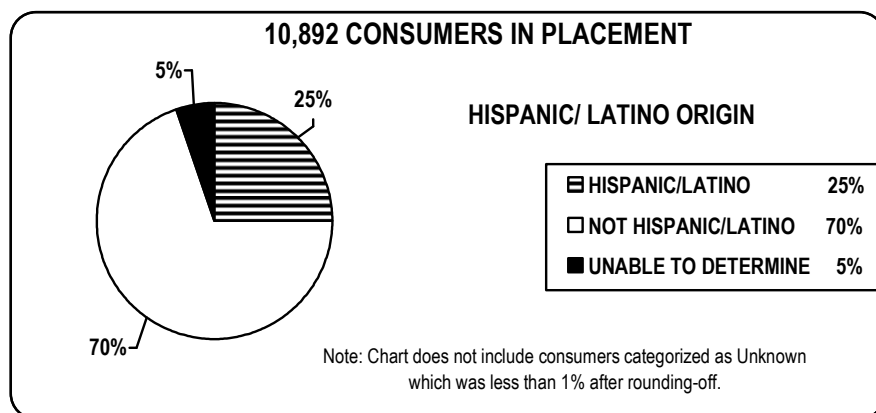
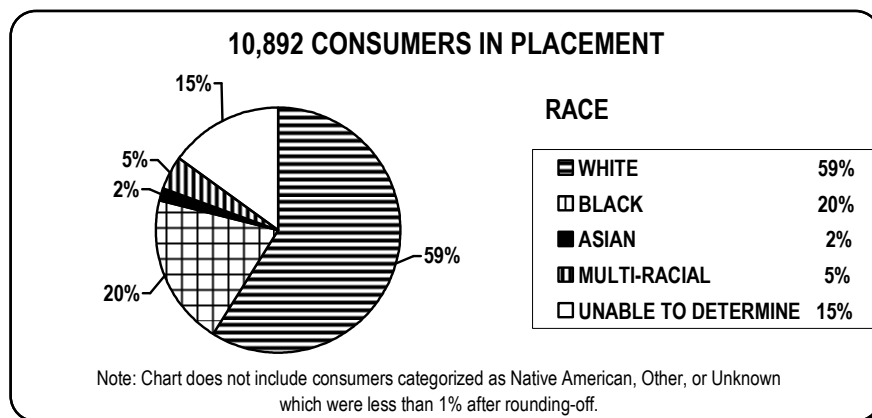
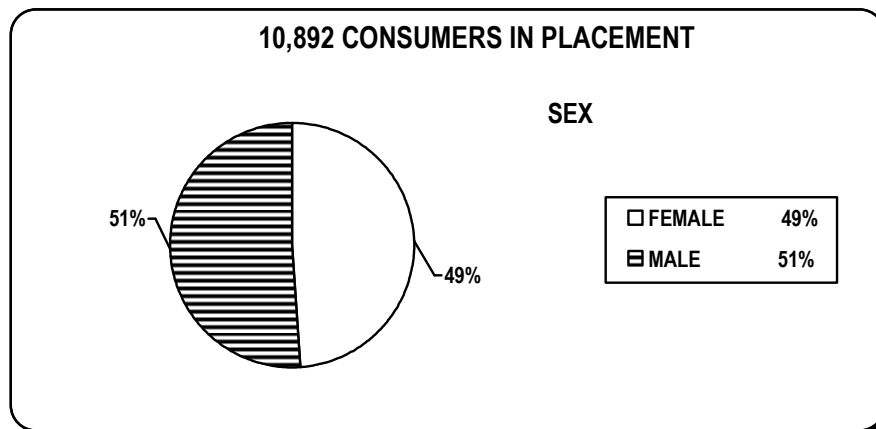
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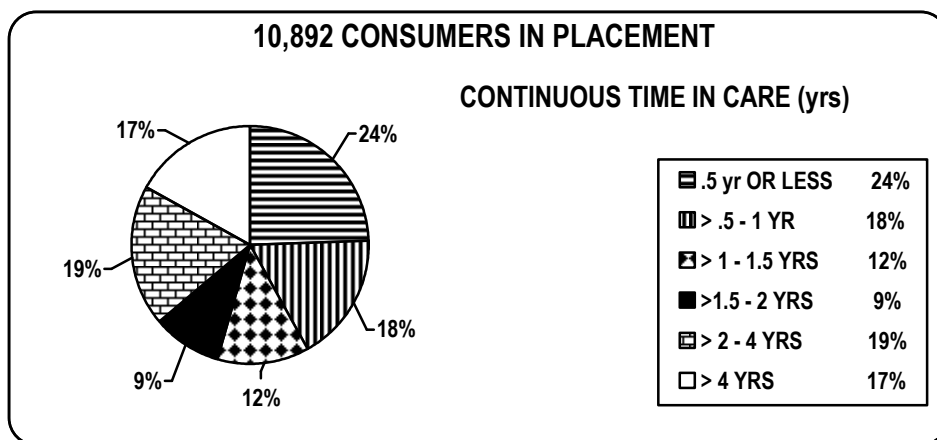
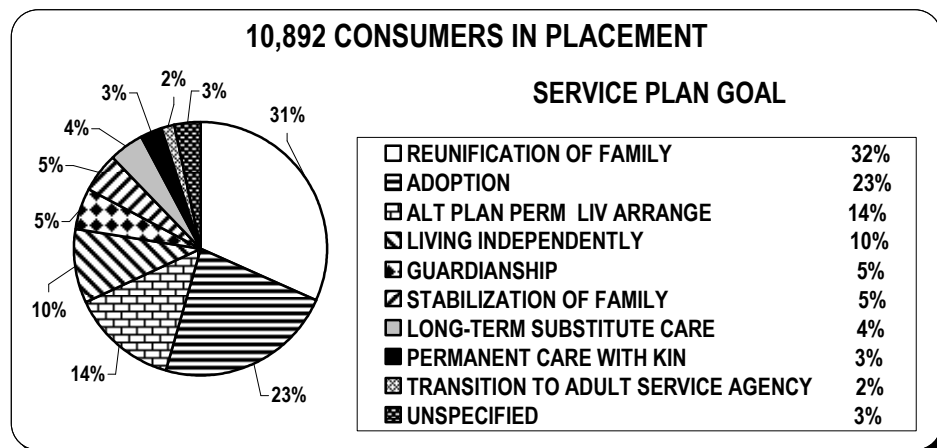
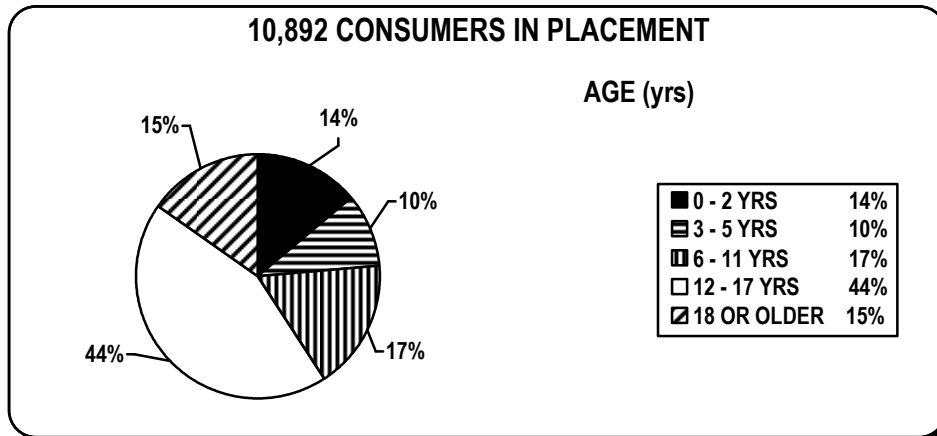
⁽³⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

⁽⁴⁾ Adult Service Agency

**FIGURE 11A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN
STATEWIDE: FY'2008, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/08)**



**FIGURE 11B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL,
AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT
STATEWIDE: FY'2008, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/08)**



**TABLE 7A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:
STATEWIDE FY'2008, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/08)**

Continuous Time in Care	Race of Consumers														Total No. %			
	White		Black		Asian		Native American		Other ⁽¹⁾		Multi-Racial		Unable to Determine				Unknown	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
(.5 yr or less)	1,493	23%	543	25%	52	29%	3	13%	2	50%	140	28%	423	26%	9	75%	2,665	24%
(>.5 - 1 yr)	1,127	18%	357	17%	31	17%	5	22%	---	---	86	17%	303	19%	---	---	1,909	18%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	827	13%	241	11%	21	12%	3	13%	1	25%	63	12%	189	12%	1	8%	1,346	12%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	626	10%	173	8%	13	7%	2	9%	---	---	70	14%	141	9%	---	---	1,025	9%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	1,228	19%	418	19%	34	19%	4	17%	1	25%	91	18%	313	19%	2	17%	2,091	19%
> 4yrs	1,091	17%	427	20%	27	15%	6	26%	---	---	56	11%	247	15%	---	---	1,854	17%
Unspecified	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*	1	*	---	---	2	*
Total	6,392	100%	2,159	100%	178	100%	23	100%	4	100%	507	100%	1,617	100%	12	100%	10,892	100%

⁽¹⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

**TABLE 7B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:
STATEWIDE FY'2008, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/08)**

Continuous Time in Care	Hispanic/Latino Origin ⁽¹⁾ of Consumers								Total No. %	
	Hispanic/ Latino		Not Hispanic/ Latino		Unable to Determine		Unknown			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
(.5 yr or less)	695	26%	1,809	24%	155	27%	6	60%	2,665	24%
(>.5 - 1 yr)	467	17%	1,324	17%	118	20%	---	---	1,909	18%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	312	11%	952	13%	82	14%	---	---	1,346	12%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	229	8%	735	10%	61	11%	---	---	1,025	9%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	544	20%	1,440	19%	103	18%	4	40%	2,091	19%
> 4yrs	468	17%	1,330	18%	56	10%	---	---	1,854	17%
Unspecified	1	*	---	---	1	*	---	---	2	*
Total	2,716	100%	7,590	100%	576	100%	10	100%	10,892	100%

⁽¹⁾ Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic origin.

TABLE 8A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2008, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/08)

Service Plan Goal	Race of Consumers														Total			
	White		Black		Asian		Native American		Other ⁽¹⁾		Multi-Racial		Unable to Determine				Unknown	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	2,000	58%	649	19%	63	2%	8	*	2	*	171	5%	548	16%	7	*	3,448	100%
Adoption	1,519	61%	390	16%	16	1%	5	*	---	---	187	8%	363	15%	---	---	2,480	100%
APPLA ⁽²⁾	863	58%	356	24%	22	1%	4	*	1	*	41	3%	204	14%	---	---	1,491	100%
Living Independently	569	55%	265	26%	26	3%	4	*	---	---	23	2%	150	14%	---	---	1,037	100%
Guardianship	363	64%	93	16%	7	1%	---	---	---	---	25	4%	76	13%	---	---	564	100%
Stabilization of Family	289	54%	125	23%	10	2%	---	---	1	*	20	4%	87	16%	---	---	532	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	300	62%	94	20%	7	1%	2	*	---	---	8	2%	70	15%	---	---	481	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	187	61%	59	19%	9	3%	---	---	---	---	6	2%	47	15%	---	---	308	100%
Long-Term Care w/ASA ⁽³⁾	125	65%	41	21%	1	1%	---	---	---	---	7	4%	17	9%	---	---	191	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	177	49%	87	24%	17	5%	---	---	---	---	19	5%	55	15%	5	*	360	100%
Total	6,392	59%	2,159	20%	178	2%	23	*	4	*	507	5%	1,617	15%	12	*	10,892	100%

⁽¹⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

⁽²⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

⁽³⁾ Adult Service Agency

TABLE 8B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2008, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/08)

Service Plan Goal	Hispanic/Latino Origin of Consumers								Total No. %	
	Hispanic/		Not Hispanic/		Unable to					
	Latino		Latino		Determine		Missing			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Family Reunification	897	26%	2,347	68%	202	6%	2	*	3,448	100%
Adoption	608	25%	1,684	68%	188	8%	---	---	2,480	100%
APPLA ⁽¹⁾	351	24%	1,089	73%	51	3%	---	---	1,491	100%
Living Independently	244	24%	751	72%	38	4%	4	*	1,037	100%
Guardianship	127	23%	417	74%	20	4%	---	---	564	100%
Stabilization of Family	143	27%	363	68%	26	5%	---	---	532	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	150	31%	315	65%	16	3%	---	---	481	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	72	23%	224	73%	12	4%	---	---	308	100%
Long-Term Care w/ASA ⁽²⁾	40	21%	148	77%	3	2%	---	---	191	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	84	23%	252	70%	20	6%	4	1%	360	100%
Total	2,716	25%	7,590	70%	576	5%	10	*	10,892	100%

⁽¹⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

⁽²⁾ Adult Service Agency

**TABLE 8C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:
STATEWIDE FY'2008, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/08)**

Service Plan Goal	Age Group of Consumers										Total No. %	
	(0 - 2 yrs)		(3 - 5 yrs)		(6 - 11 yrs)		(12 - 17 yrs)		18 or older			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	652	19%	380	11%	673	20%	1,719	50%	24	1%	3,448	100%
Adoption	692	28%	562	23%	865	35%	356	14%	5	*	2,480	100%
APPLA ⁽¹⁾	1	*	---	---	15	1%	762	51%	713	48%	1,491	100%
Living Independently	---	---	---	---	---	---	413	40%	624	60%	1,037	100%
Guardianship	26	5%	47	8%	168	30%	300	53%	23	4%	564	100%
Stabilization of Family	67	13%	27	5%	76	14%	311	58%	51	10%	532	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	---	---	2	*	32	7%	425	88%	22	5%	481	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	1	*	1	*	18	6%	256	83%	32	10%	308	100%
Long-Term Care w/ASA ⁽²⁾	---	---	---	---	2	1%	74	39%	115	60%	191	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	71	20%	28	8%	47	13%	164	46%	50	14%	360	100%
Total	1,510	14%	1,047	10%	1,896	17%	4,780	44%	1,659	15%	10,892	100%

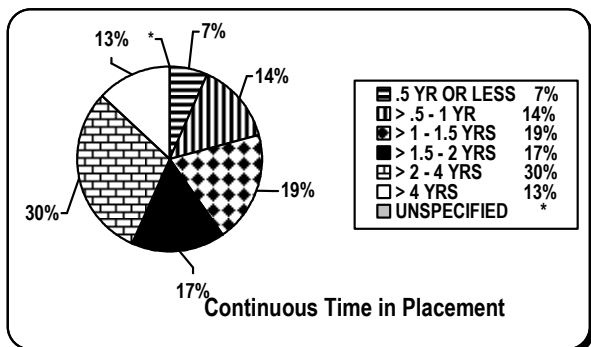
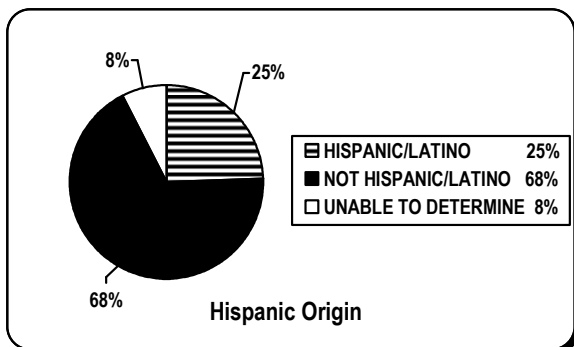
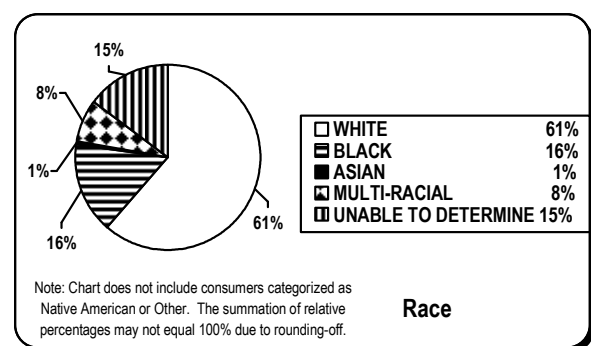
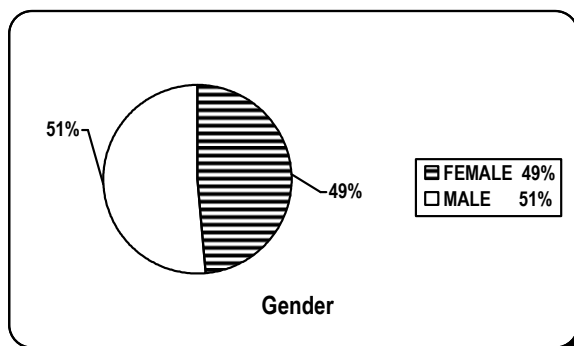
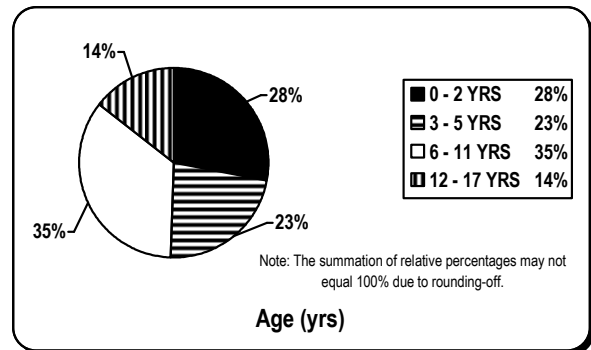
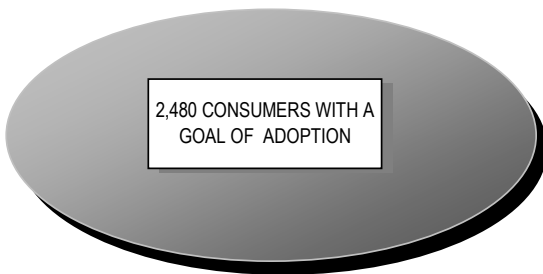
**TABLE 8D. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:
STATEWIDE FY'2008, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/08)**

Service Plan Goal	Continuous Time in Placement												Total No. %			
	(.5yr or less)		(> .5 - 1 yr)		(>1 - 1.5 yrs)		(>1.5 - 2 yrs)		(>2 - 4 yrs)		> 4 yrs				Unspecified	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Family Reunification	1,590	46%	1,074	31%	410	12%	165	5%	168	5%	41	1%	---	---	3,448	100%
Adoption	164	7%	355	14%	477	19%	411	17%	751	30%	321	13%	1	*	2,480	100%
APPLA ⁽¹⁾	135	9%	113	8%	136	9%	141	9%	394	26%	572	38%	---	---	1,491	100%
Living Independently	45	4%	83	8%	98	9%	89	9%	316	30%	406	39%	---	---	1,037	100%
Guardianship	20	4%	97	17%	109	19%	100	18%	142	25%	96	17%	---	---	564	100%
Stabilization of Family	340	64%	81	15%	29	5%	16	3%	32	6%	33	6%	1	*	532	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	44	9%	44	9%	38	8%	46	10%	137	28%	172	36%	---	---	481	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	28	9%	33	11%	28	9%	33	11%	87	28%	99	32%	---	---	308	100%
Long-Term Care w/ASA ⁽²⁾	12	6%	14	7%	11	6%	11	6%	44	23%	99	52%	---	---	191	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	287	80%	15	4%	10	3%	13	4%	20	6%	15	4%	---	---	360	100%
Total	2,665	24%	1,909	18%	1,346	12%	1,025	9%	2,091	19%	1,854	17%	2	*	10,892	100%

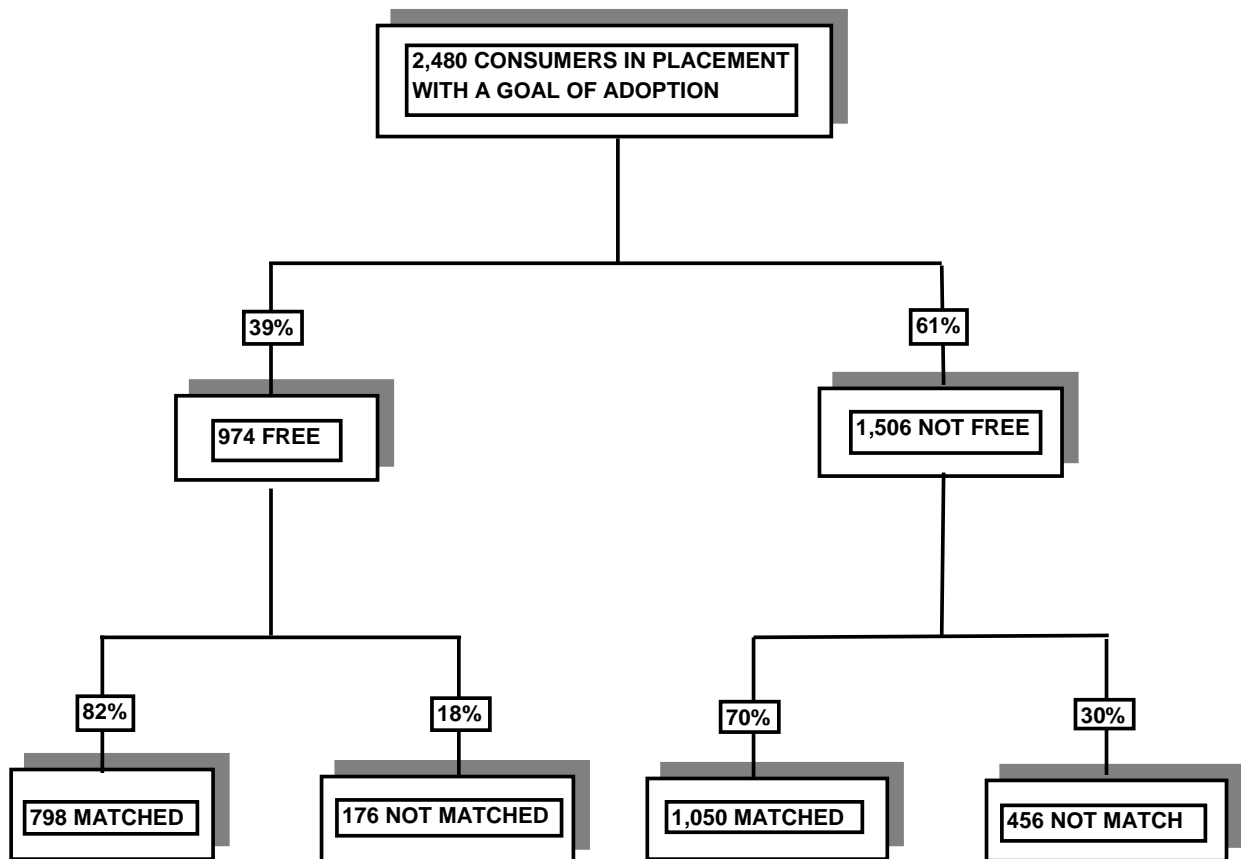
⁽¹⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

⁽²⁾ Adult Service Agency

**FIGURE 12A. AGE, SEX, RACE, HISPANIC ORIGIN AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT
OF CONSUMERS WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
FY'2008, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/08)**



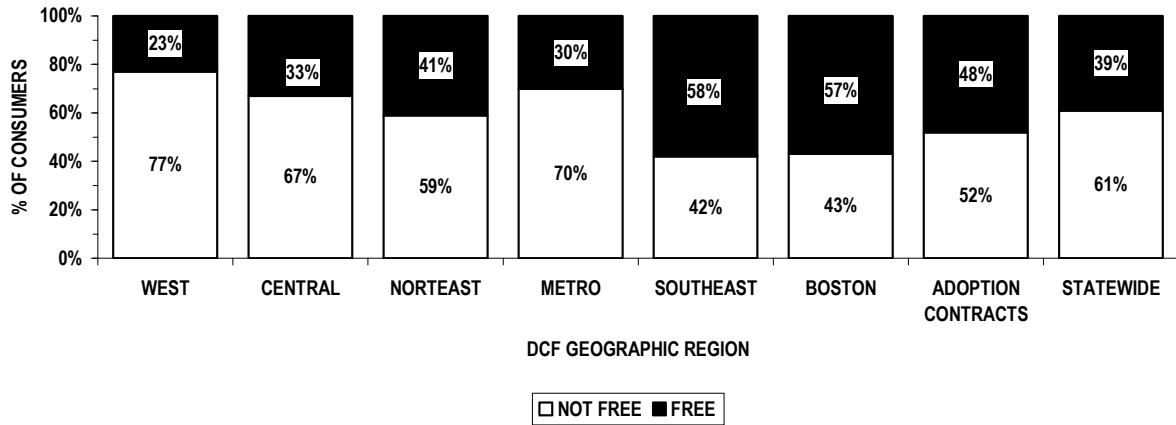
**FIGURE 12B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION:
LEGAL STATUS AND MATCH STATUS
FY'2008, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/08)**



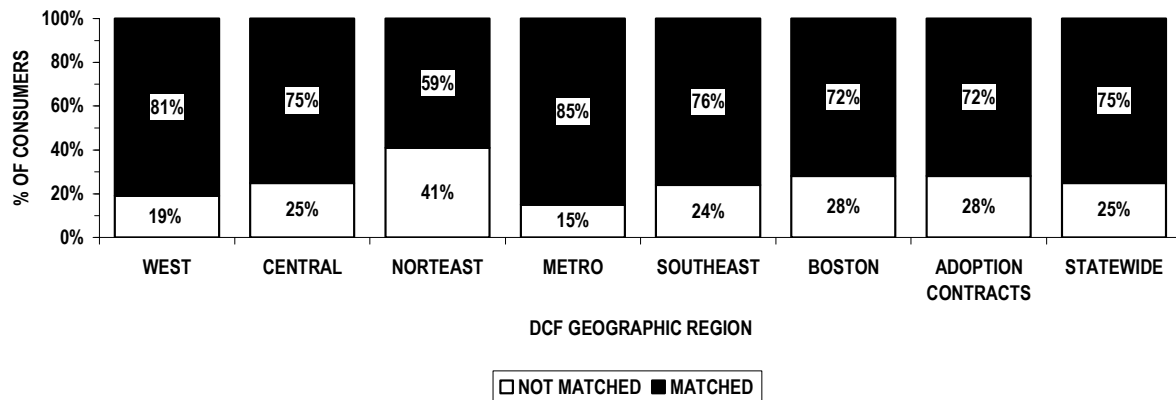
Note: Free = Legally Free for Adoption

Matched = Matched to a Permanent Family

**FIGURE 12C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
AND LEGALLY FREED STATUS
FY'08, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/08)**



**FIGURE 12D. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
AND WHETHER MATCHED TO A PERMANENT FAMILY
FY'08, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/08)**



Case Intakes (Openings)

- Beginning with the 1st Quarter of FY'2007, a programming change was made in order to pick up case openings missed in prior reports (short-term openings and closings within the quarter). Consequently, these intake statistics cannot be compared with previous quarters. Monitoring for trends should begin with the 1st Quarter of FY'2007 (**Fig. 14**).
- During the 3rd Quarter of FY'2008, there were 4,468 case openings (unduplicated) and 18,713 consumer openings (unduplicated). Case openings include both new cases and cases that previously had been closed by DCF. Consumers who entered the DCF system during the quarter include both members of new cases and new members of ongoing cases, as well as re-opened consumers (previously opened and closed). (**Tables 9A and 9B**)
- Eighty-four percent of case intakes and 88% of consumer intakes were due to supported abuse/neglect reports. (**Tables 9A and 9B**)
- Voluntary requests for services accounted for 8% of case intakes and 6% of consumer intakes. (**Tables 9A and 9B**)
- CHINS referrals amounted to 6% of case intakes and 5% of consumer intakes. (**Tables 9A and 9B**) It should be noted that the CHINS consumer counts include CHINS children, adult caretakers, and oftentimes non-CHINS siblings.
- The proportion of case openings by type of intake is presented for each region in Fig. 13. Supported reports accounted for 81-86% of the total intakes for each region. CHINS referrals ranged from 4-7% of the total intakes for each region. Voluntary requests were highest in the Central and Metro Regions (13% and 11%, respectively). (**Fig. 13, Table 9A**)
- Counts of CHINS referrals were highest in the Southeast (58 case openings), West (56) and Northeast (54). Voluntary requests were highest in Central (86) and Metro (76). Case intakes via supported reports of child maltreatment were most numerous in the West (791) and Southeast (762). (**Table 9A**). The Southeast and West had the highest numbers of supported investigations during the 3rd Quarter of FY'2008 (See **Table 14** on page 54).
- Statewide (and often regionally), case openings are lowest in the 1st quarter. (**Fig. 14**). This quarterly trend in case openings is driven by reports and investigations. Reports and investigations are lowest in the 1st quarter (summer vacation) then rise during the school year (**Figs. 20 and 21** on page 56).

**TABLE 9A. CASE INTAKES⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DCF REGION:
FY'2008, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/08 - 3/31/08)**

DCF Geographic Region	Case Counts ⁽¹⁾										Total No.
	Supported CA/N Reports		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Other ⁽²⁾		Unspecified		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
West	791	86%	56	6%	28	3%	12	1%	28	3%	915
Central	528	81%	25	4%	86	13%	10	2%	---	---	649
Northeast	611	82%	54	7%	57	8%	19	3%	3	*	744
Metro	612	85%	26	4%	76	11%	2	0%	1	*	717
Southeast	762	84%	58	6%	53	6%	22	2%	7	*	902
Boston	469	83%	41	7%	44	8%	12	2%	2	*	568
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾	3	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3
Other ⁽⁴⁾	1	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
Total	3,777	84%	260	6%	344	8%	77	2%	41	1%	4,499

⁽¹⁾ Case openings include both new cases and cases that previously had been closed. The total summation for each DCF Region is a duplicated count because some families had more than one case opening in a quarter by more than one type of initial contact. The unduplicated count of total case openings is **4,468**.

⁽²⁾ Includes Court Referral, Institutional Abuse/Neglect, and Other.

⁽³⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽⁴⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**TABLE 9B. CONSUMER INTAKES⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DCF REGION:
FY'2008, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/08 - 3/31/08)**

DCF Geographic Region	Consumer Counts ⁽¹⁾										Total No.
	Supported		CHINS		Voluntary		Other ⁽²⁾		Unspecified		
	CA/N Reports		Referrals		Requests for Services						
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
West	3,567	92%	171	4%	97	2%	28	1%	32	*	3,895
Central	2,407	84%	101	4%	312	11%	35	1%	---	---	2,855
Northeast	2,742	87%	192	6%	172	5%	59	2%	3	*	3,168
Metro	2,484	88%	83	3%	257	9%	5	0%	1	*	2,830
Southeast	3,356	88%	198	5%	163	4%	72	2%	12	*	3,801
Boston	2,023	87%	139	6%	132	6%	38	2%	2	*	2,334
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾	3	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3
Other ⁽⁴⁾	1	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
Total	16,583	88%	884	5%	1,133	6%	237	1%	50	*	18,887

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

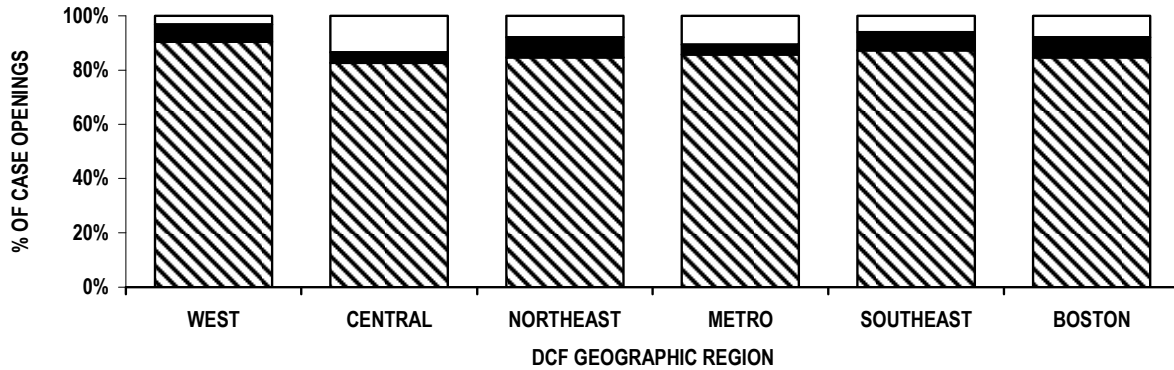
⁽¹⁾ Counts of consumers with case openings or newly added to ongoing cases during the quarter. The total summation for each DCF Region is a duplicated count because some consumers had more than one type of initial contact during the quarter. The unduplicated count of total consumers with case openings or newly added to ongoing cases is **18,713**.

⁽²⁾ Includes Court Referral, Institutional Abuse/Neglect, and Other.

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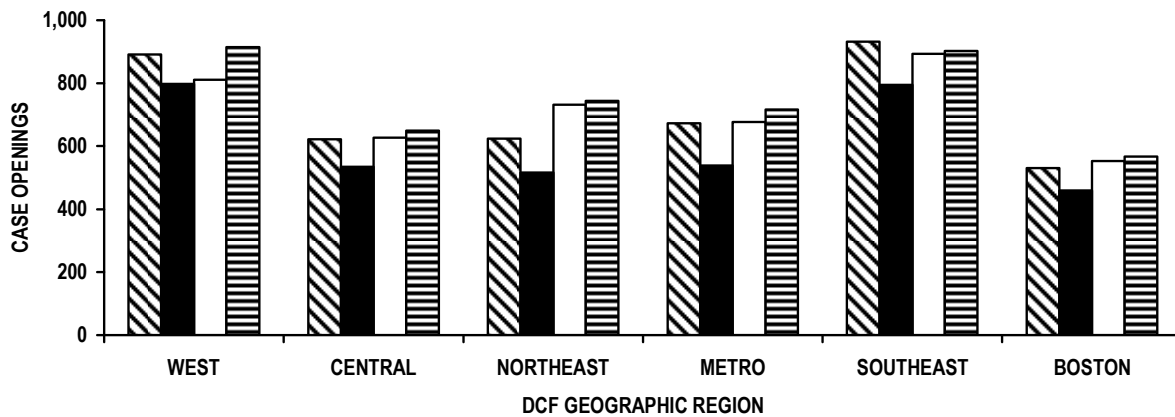
**FIGURE 13. REASON FOR CASE OPENINGS BY DCF REGION
FY'2008, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/08 - 3/31/08)**



Note: Chart does not include intakes categorized as Other and Unspecified.

■ SUPPORTED CA/N REPORTS ■ CHINS REFERRALS □ VOLUNTARY REQUEST

**FIGURE 14. INTAKES (CASE OPENINGS) BY DCF REGION
(FY'2007, 4TH QUARTER - FY'2008, 3RD QUARTER)**



■ 4/1/07 - 6/30/07 ■ 7/1/07 - 9/30/07 □ 10/1/07 - 12/31/07 ▨ 1/1/08 - 3/31/08

Consumers Entering and Leaving Placement during the Quarter

- During the 3rd Quarter of FY'2008, 2,146 consumers started at least one placement and 2,001 consumers left at least one placement.¹⁹ These counts of placement dynamics do not include consumers who changed placements during the quarter. (Tables 10 and 11)
- From the 2nd to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2008, consumers entering placement rose 11% while consumers leaving placement declined 5%. The increase in consumers entering placement was mainly due to a 17% rise in first-time entrants to foster care (156 more children than the previous quarter).

Entries to Placement

- Of those consumers who entered a placement setting during the 3rd Quarter of FY'2008, 66% were first-time entrants and 34% were re-entrants.²⁰ Regionally, the proportion of first-time entrants ranged from 60% in Metro to 71% in Boston. (Table 10, Fig. 15)
- The 2,146 entrants to placement (first-time entrants and re-entrants combined) were distributed across regions as follows: 25% (West), 16% (Northeast), 16% (Southeast), 15% (Central), 15% (Metro), and 12% (Boston). (Table 10)
- Across the state, 72% of all entrants were placed in foster care, 23% were placed in congregate care,²¹ and 5% were placed in non-referral locations.²² Regionally, the proportion of foster care entrants ranged from 55% in Metro to 82% in the West. (Table 10, Fig. 16)
- Statewide, first-time entrants to placement were more likely than re-entrants to be placed in foster care. Seventy-eight percent of first-time entrants and 60% of re-entrants were placed in foster care. Conversely, 31% of re-entrants and 19% of first-time entrants were placed in congregate care. (Table 10)

¹⁹ For individuals with multiple entries and exits during the quarter, only the first entry and last exit were selected.

²⁰ Re-entrants are consumers who had been in placement at some point in the past.

²¹ Congregate Care includes group home, residential treatment, and short-term residential placement.

²² Non-referral locations include hospitals, nursing homes, and placements supervised by other state agencies.

Exits from Placement

- Statewide, 65% of the consumers leaving a placement setting were returned home. The proportion returned home ranged from 59% in Boston to 69% in both Central and Metro. **(Table 11)**
- Statewide, 10% of consumers leaving placement were emancipated, 8% were adopted, and 6% were granted guardianships. Regionally, the proportion of consumers emancipated ranged from 6% in Metro to 11% in both the Northeast and Boston; adopted consumers ranged from 5% in the Northeast to 11% in the West; and consumers with guardianships ranged from 5% in the West, Northeast, and Metro to 8% in the Southeast. **(Table 11)**

**TABLE 10. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:
FY'2008, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/08 - 3/31/08)**

Entry Placement Type Location Started	DCF Geographic Region							Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Other ⁽¹⁾	
First-Time Entrants:	356	222	221	188	239	182	7	1,415
Foster Care	312	190	169	118	171	131	7	1,098
Congregate Care	41	26	40	63	62	42	---	274
Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	3	6	12	7	6	9	---	43
Re-Entrants:	188	104	132	127	105	74	1	731
Foster Care	134	71	77	54	59	42	1	438
Congregate Care	40	22	43	59	39	26	---	229
Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	14	11	12	14	7	6	---	64
Total	544	326	353	315	344	256	8	2,146

⁽¹⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

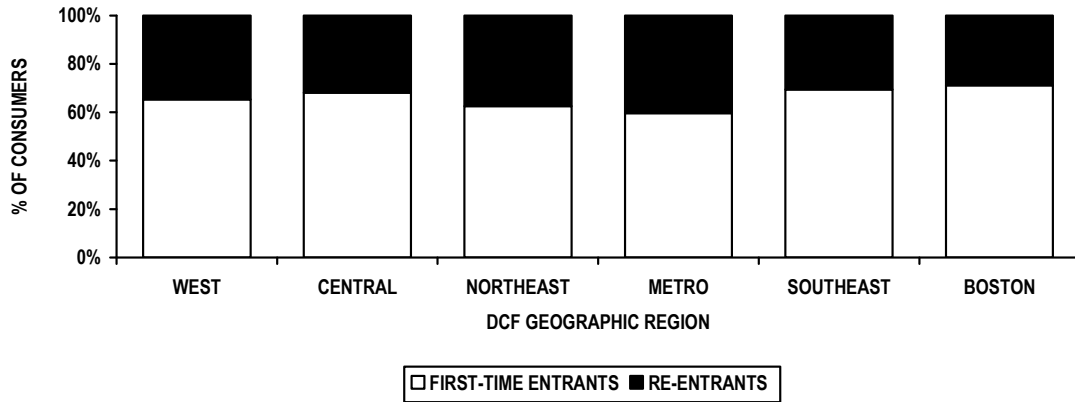
⁽²⁾ Includes hospitals and other state agencies.

**TABLE 11. CONSUMERS LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:
FY'2008, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/08 - 3/31/08)**

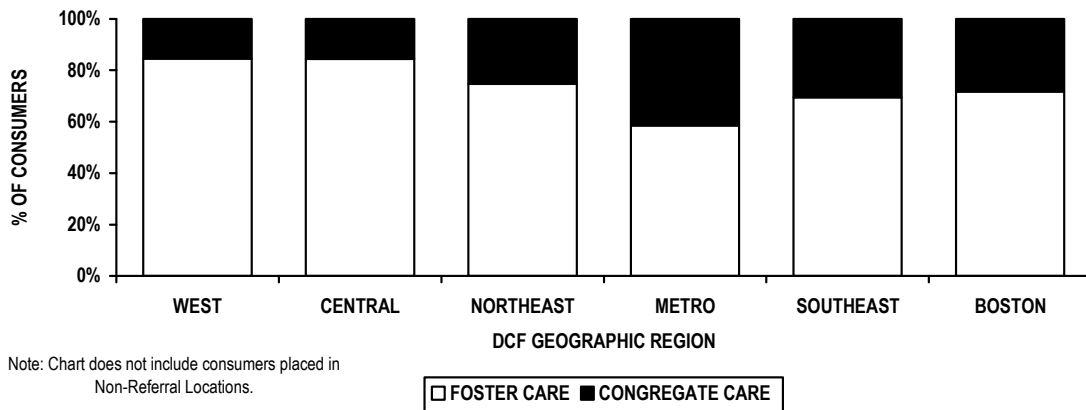
Reason Placement Ended	DCF Geographic Region							Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Other ⁽¹⁾	
Child Returned Home	303	211	221	194	233	140	---	1,302
Child 18 or Older	47	27	35	18	38	27	2	194
Consumer Adopted	51	23	16	19	38	20	---	167
Guardianship	24	17	15	15	31	14	---	116
Custody to Other Individual	28	10	13	15	7	20	---	93
Custody to Other Agency	5	---	6	2	5	1	---	19
Consumer Deceased	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	1
Unspecified	19	20	17	19	19	14	1	109
Total	477	308	323	282	372	236	3	2,001

⁽¹⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**FIGURE 15. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT
DURING THE QUARTER (FIRST-TIME ENTRANTS AND RE-ENTRANTS)
FY'2008, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/08 - 3/31/08)**

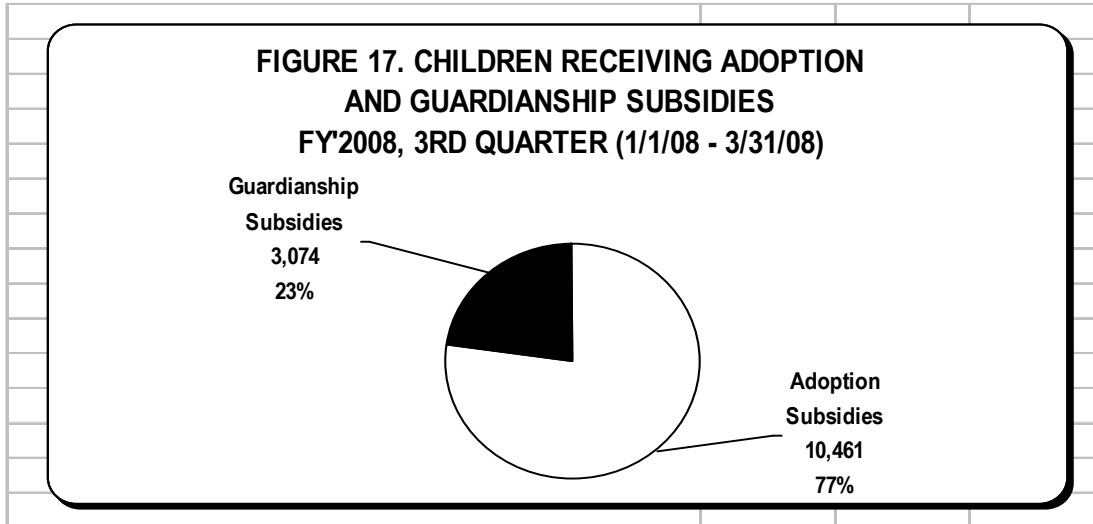


**FIGURE 16. ALL CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER
TO FOSTER AND CONGREGATE CARE
FY'2008, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/08 - 3/31/08)**



Adoption and Guardianship Subsidies

- At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2008, the total number of children receiving adoption subsidies was 10,461. Guardianship subsidies totaled 3,074. (Fig. 17)



From the 2nd to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2008, adoption subsidies rose 1% and guardianship subsidies increased 2%. Typically, adoption subsidies increase about 1% each quarter while guardianship subsidies mostly fluctuate between -1% and 1% (See table below). The declines in adoption and guardianship subsidies during the 1st Quarter of FY'2007 resulted from a concerted effort to close service referrals that were active but not disbursing funds.

		Subsidies (Active Service Referrals)			
		Adoption		Guardianship	
Quarter		No.	Quarterly Change	No.	Quarterly Change
FY'2005	1 st	9,954	1%	3,002	*
	2 nd	10,081	1%	3,081	3%
	3 rd	10,002	-1%	3,050	-1%
	4 th	10,146	1%	3,083	1%
FY'2006	1 st	10,113	*	3,073	*
	2 nd	10,224	1%	3,098	1%
	3 rd	10,322	1%	3,119	1%
	4 th	10,463	1%	3,115	*
FY'2007	1 st	10,149	-3%	3,017	-3%
	2 nd	10,190	*	2,967	-2%
	3 rd	10,287	1%	3,019	2%
	4 th	10,184	-1%	3,016	*
FY'2008	1 st	10,312	1%	3,046	1%
	2 nd	10,386	1%	3,022	-1%
	3 rd	10,461	1%	3,074	2%

* = less than 1% after rounding-off

Foster Homes²³

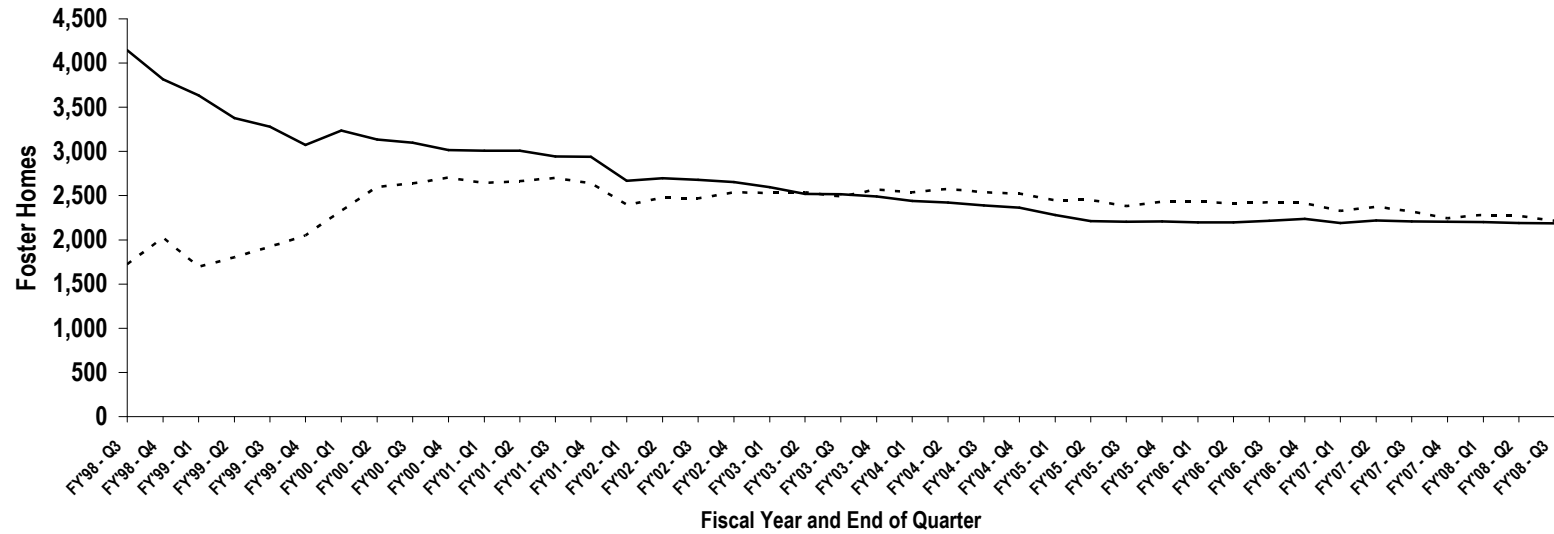
- At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'2008, there were 4,404 foster homes under the direct supervision of DCF. Included in this total are kinship and child-specific (restricted) homes²⁴ as well as unrestricted homes.²⁵ There was a nearly equal number of restricted (2,217) and unrestricted (2,187) foster homes. **(Table 12A)**
- At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'1998, 29% of all DCF foster homes were restricted homes. Restricted homes as a proportion of all foster homes gradually reached a maximum level of 52% in the 2nd Quarter of FY'2004. Restricted homes remained at a 52-53% level through the 2nd Quarter of FY'2007. For the past five quarters, restricted homes have accounted for 50-51% of all foster homes. **(See graph on next page)**
- Statewide, 77% of foster parents in unrestricted homes were White and 62% were married. **(Tables 12A and 12C)**
- Statewide, 73% of the foster parents in restricted homes were White and 53% were married. **(Tables 12A and 12C)**
- Thirteen percent (563) of all foster homes were identified as Black (281 restricted and 282 unrestricted). **(Table 12A)**
- Sixteen percent (686) of all foster homes were identified as Hispanic/Latino (320 restricted and 366 unrestricted). **(Table 12B)**

²³ Foster homes provide formal, temporary out-of-home placement to children who are in the care and custody of DCF. Foster families may be related or unrelated to the child.

²⁴ Child-specific and kinship placements occur (1) when a court orders a child to be placed in a specific foster home; or (2) when a child requires placement and the child or his/her parent(s) has proposed another home in which the child can be placed; or (3) when DCF places a child with relatives or with a caregiver who is known to the child's family. Placements in kinship and child-specific homes are limited to specified children.

²⁵ Unrestricted placements are those where DCF places a child with a non-relative foster family. Unlike restricted homes (child specific and kinship), the unrestricted home is not limited to a particular child.

RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED FOSTER HOMES*
END OF 3RD QUARTER OF FY'1998 (3/31/98) TO END OF 3RD QUARTER OF FY'2008 (3/31/08)



* Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

—— UNRESTRICTED - - - - - RESTRICTED

TABLE 12A. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY RACE AND DCF REGION: FY'2008, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/08 - 3/31/08)

DCF Geographic Region															Adoption Contracts ¹		Total	
Provider Status	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		No.	%				
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Restricted:	452		338		358		312		506		215		36		2,217			
White	380	84%	204	60%	265	74%	257	82%	414	82%	68	32%	25	69%	1,613	73%		
Black	41	9%	15	4%	31	9%	25	8%	48	9%	113	53%	8	22%	281	13%		
Asian	---	---	2	1%	13	4%	1	*	1	*	1	*	---	---	18	1%		
Native American	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	1%	1	*	---	---	4	*		
Other ²	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	1%	---	---	---	---	3	*		
Multi-Racial	2	*	3	1%	5	1%	2	1%	1	*	---	---	---	---	13	1%		
Unable to Determine ³	25	6%	105	31%	40	11%	27	9%	29	6%	29	13%	1	3%	256	12%		
Missing	4	1%	9	3%	4	1%	---	---	7	1%	3	1%	2	6%	29	1%		
Unrestricted:	490		313		269		338		481		197		99		2,187			
White	389	79%	261	83%	214	80%	290	86%	384	80%	62	31%	92	93%	1,692	77%		
Black	57	12%	19	6%	11	4%	39	12%	41	9%	110	56%	5	5%	282	13%		
Asian	2	*	---	---	11	4%	---	---	1	*	1	1%	---	---	15	1%		
Native American	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*	6	1%	---	---	---	---	7	*		
Multi-Racial	26	5%	2	1%	4	1%	1	*	1	*	1	1%	1	1%	36	2%		
Unable to Determine ³	16	3%	31	10%	27	10%	7	2%	47	10%	23	12%	1	1%	152	7%		
Unknown	---	---	---	---	2	1%	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	3	*		
Total	942		651		627		650		987		412		135		4,404			

¹ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

² Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

³ Unable to Determine is the category used when an individual does not know or declines to disclose his/her race.

TABLE 12B. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY HISPANIC ORIGIN AND DCF REGION: FY'2008, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/08 - 3/31/08)

DCF Geographic Region																Adoption Contracts ¹	Total	
Provider Status	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston							
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Restricted:	452		338		358		312		506		215		36		2,217			
Hispanic/Latino	70	15%	63	19%	82	23%	22	7%	36	7%	44	20%	3	8%	320	14%		
Not Hispanic/Latino	366	81%	189	56%	262	73%	278	89%	441	87%	158	73%	30	83%	1,724	78%		
Unable to Determine ²	10	2%	81	24%	10	3%	10	3%	16	3%	11	5%	1	3%	139	6%		
Missing	6	2%	5	3%	4	2%	2	1%	13	3%	2	1%	2	7%	34	2%		
Unrestricted:	490		313		269		338		481		197		99		2,187			
Hispanic/Latino	120	24%	51	16%	77	29%	16	5%	61	13%	37	19%	4	4%	366	17%		
Not Hispanic/Latino	370	76%	257	82%	186	69%	315	93%	406	84%	158	80%	94	95%	1,786	82%		
Unable to Determine ²	---	---	5	2%	4	1%	7	2%	13	3%	2	1%	1	1%	32	1%		
Unknown	---	---	---	---	2	1%	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	3	*		
Total	942		651		627		650		987		412		135		4,404			

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

¹ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

² Unable to Determine is the category used when an individual does not know or declines to disclose his/her Hispanic origin.

TABLE 12C. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY MARITAL STATUS AND DCF REGION: FY'2008, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/08- 3/31/08) ⁽¹⁾

DCF Geographic Region													Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾		Total	
Provider Status	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Restricted:	452		338		358		312		506		215		36		2,217	
Married	268	59%	195	58%	185	52%	175	56%	283	56%	63	29%	16	44%	1,185	53%
Single	99	22%	78	23%	94	26%	77	25%	118	23%	109	51%	11	31%	586	26%
Divorced	60	13%	37	11%	39	11%	34	11%	61	12%	23	11%	5	14%	259	12%
Widowed	11	2%	13	4%	19	5%	12	4%	20	4%	9	4%	2	6%	86	4%
Separated	13	3%	7	2%	17	5%	10	3%	16	3%	9	4%	1	3%	73	3%
Unspecified	1	*	8	2%	4	1%	4	1%	8	2%	2	1%	1	3%	28	1%
Unrestricted:	490		313		269		338		481		197		99		2,187	
Married	304	62%	223	71%	166	62%	216	64%	312	65%	62	31%	69	70%	1,352	62%
Single	92	19%	54	17%	63	23%	80	24%	89	19%	91	46%	26	26%	495	23%
Divorced	61	12%	27	9%	27	10%	31	9%	55	11%	25	13%	4	4%	230	11%
Widowed	17	3%	3	1%	7	3%	6	2%	16	3%	7	4%	---	---	56	3%
Separated	16	3%	6	2%	5	2%	5	1%	9	2%	12	6%	---	---	53	2%
Unspecified	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*
Total	942		651		627		650		987		412		135		4,404	

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

Child Maltreatment Reports, Investigations, and DA Referrals

Reports

- Statewide, 19,819 reports were recorded during the 3rd Quarter of FY'2008. Sixty-five percent of the reports were screened-in for investigation. Eight percent of all reports were screened-in as emergencies. **(Table 13)**
- Among regions, reports of child maltreatment were most numerous in the West (3,788) and Southeast (2,975). The Judge Baker Children's Center (hotline) recorded 4,777 reports. Regional screen-in rates ranged from 57% in Metro to 70% in the Northeast. The screen-in rate at the Judge Baker Children's Center was 69%. **(Table 13 and Fig. 18)**
- The DCF Regions screened-in 2-3% of all reports as emergencies. In contrast, emergency screen-ins accounted for 23% of the reports received by the Judge Baker Children's Center Hotline. **(Table 13)**
- Statewide, reports rose 5% from the 2nd to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2008. Regional changes ranged from -6% in the Northeast to 8% in the Southeast. Typically, report counts decline during the summer quarter (Q1) then rise during the school year quarters (Q2-Q4). **(Fig. 20)**

Investigations

- The number of investigations completed during the 3rd Quarter of FY'2008 was 10,659.²⁶ Fifty-eight percent of the investigations resulted in supported allegations of maltreatment. **(Table 14)**
- The Southeast and West conducted more investigations (2,049 and 1,986, respectively) than the other regions. Regional support rates went from a low of 54% in the Northeast to a high of 63% in Central. Judge Baker staff achieved the highest support rate: 73% of the completed investigations (all emergencies) were supported. **(Table 14, Fig. 19)**

²⁶ The number of investigations is lower than the number of screened-in reports. This occurs because an investigation may be associated to multiple reports on the same incident or by reports received on separate but closely occurring incidents.

- The Northeastern Region had the highest screen-in rate (70%) and the lowest support rate (54%). Conversely, the Central Region had the second lowest screen-in rate (59%) and the highest support rate (63%). (**Table 14, Fig. 19**)
- Statewide, investigations decreased less than 1% from the 2nd to the 3rd Quarter of FY'2008. Over the same period, regional changes in investigations ranged from -8% in Boston to 3% in the West. (**Fig. 21**)

TABLE 13. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION: FY'2008, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/08 - 3/31/08)

DCF Geographic Region	Screening Decision						Total	
	Screened Out		Screened-In					
			Non-Emergency		Emergency			
No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
West	1,455	38%	2,250	59%	83	2%	3,788	19%
Central	932	42%	1,235	56%	58	3%	2,225	11%
Northeast	715	30%	1,595	67%	65	3%	2,375	12%
Metro	892	43%	1,121	54%	69	3%	2,082	11%
Southeast	1,018	34%	1,869	63%	88	3%	2,975	15%
Boston	537	34%	988	63%	48	3%	1,573	8%
Judge Baker Children's Center	1,481	31%	2,186	46%	1,110	23%	4,777	24%
Special Investigations	4	17%	19	79%	1	4%	24	*
Total	7,034	35%	11,263	57%	1,522	8%	19,819	100%

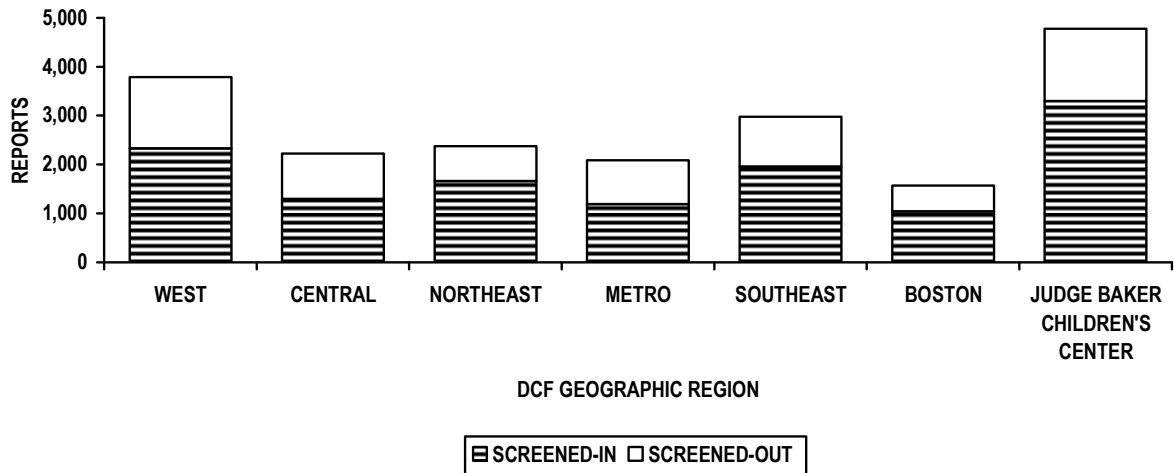
* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

TABLE 14. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DCF REGION: FY'2008, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/08 - 3/31/08)

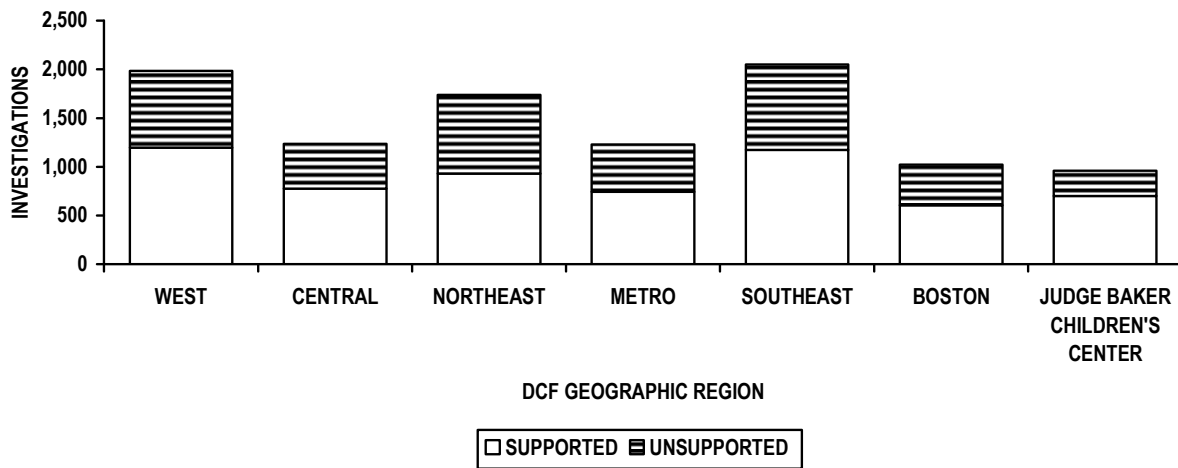
DCF Geographic Region	Investigation Decision				Total	
	Supported		Unsupported			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
West	1,197	60%	789	40%	1,986	19%
Central	777	63%	460	37%	1,237	12%
Northeast	931	54%	809	46%	1,740	16%
Metro	743	60%	488	40%	1,231	12%
Southeast	1,174	57%	875	43%	2,049	19%
Boston	606	59%	416	41%	1,022	10%
Judge Baker Children's Center	699	73%	261	27%	960	9%
Special Investigations	86	20%	348	80%	434	4%
Total	6,213	58%	4,446	42%	10,659	100%

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

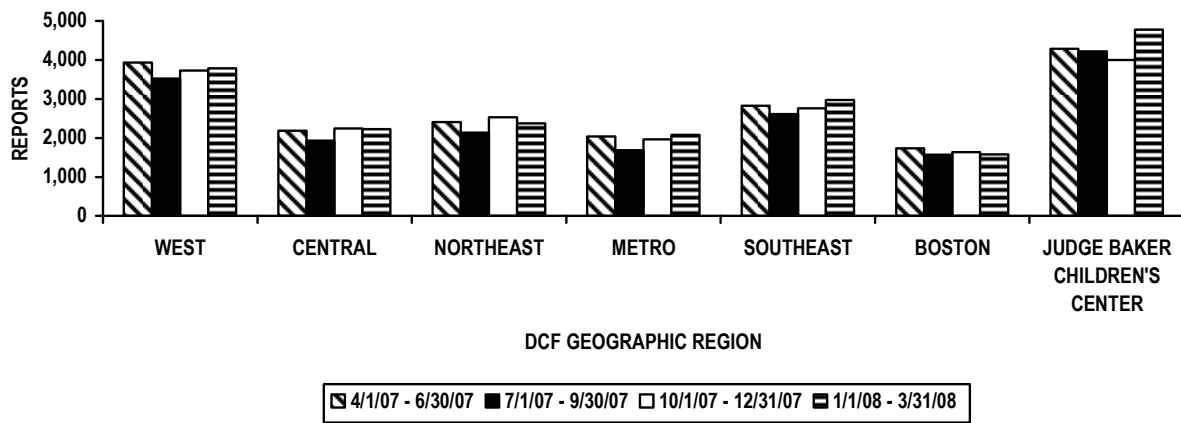
**FIGURE 18. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS
(SCREENING DECISION BY DCF REGION)
FY'2008, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/08 - 3/31/08)**



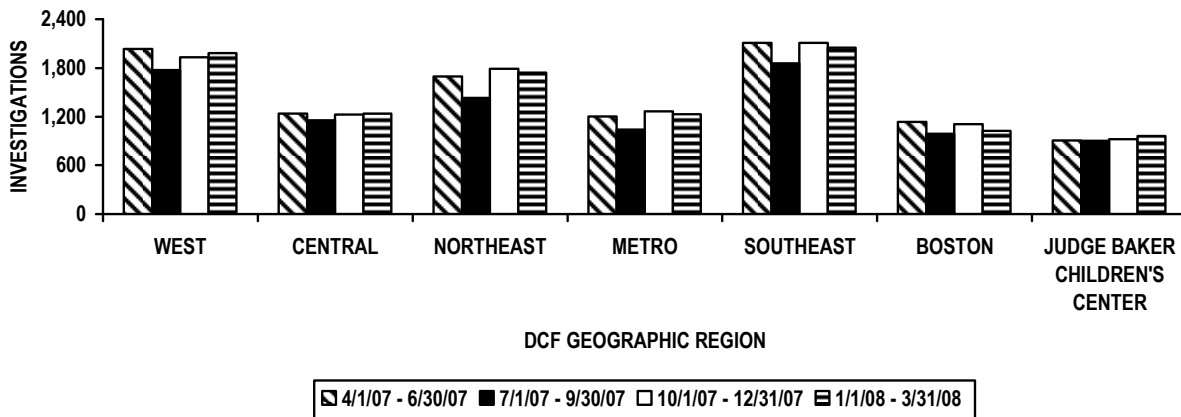
**FIGURE 19. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS
(INVESTIGATION DECISION BY DCF REGION)
FY'2008, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/08 - 3/31/08)**



**FIGURE 20. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION
(FY'2007, 4TH QUARTER - FY'2008, 3RD QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 21. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DCF REGION
(FY'2007, 4TH QUARTER - FY'2008, 3RD QUARTER)**



DA Referrals

- During the 3rd Quarter of FY'2008, 1,347 cases were referred to District Attorneys (DAs) (See table below). Forty-nine percent of case referrals to DAs were mandatory referrals²⁷ and 51% were discretionary referrals²⁸ (**Fig. 22**).

Case Referrals*

Date	Mandatory		Discretionary		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.
FY'02, Q3	443	42%	614	58%	1,057
FY'02, Q4	494	45%	616	55%	1,110
FY'03, Q1	477	46%	555	54%	1,032
FY'03, Q2	488	48%	530	52%	1,018
FY'03, Q3	525	46%	611	54%	1,136
FY'03, Q4	599	49%	614	51%	1,213
FY'04, Q1	527	52%	489	48%	1,016
FY'04, Q2	489	45%	586	55%	1,075
FY'04, Q3	527	45%	655	55%	1,182
FY'04, Q4	558	45%	669	55%	1,227
FY'05, Q1	500	49%	518	51%	1,018
FY'05, Q2	500	45%	603	55%	1,103
FY'05, Q3	575	47%	637	53%	1,212
FY'05, Q4	547	44%	701	56%	1,248
FY'06, Q1	490	44%	614	56%	1,104
FY'06, Q2	509	44%	659	56%	1,168
FY'06, Q3	518	44%	651	56%	1,169
FY'06, Q4	560	43%	742	57%	1,302
FY'07, Q1	532	49%	554	51%	1,086
FY'07, Q2	577	49%	606	51%	1,183
FY'07, Q3	559	47%	626	53%	1,185
FY'07, Q4	611	49%	645	51%	1,256
FY'08, Q1	538	46%	631	54%	1,169
FY'08, Q2	596	50%	595	50%	1,191
FY'08, Q3	656	49%	691	51%	1,347

*** DA referrals approved during the Quarter.**

²⁷ Mandatory referrals to District Attorneys (and local law enforcement authorities) are made following a DCF investigation that results in a supported report of severe child maltreatment (sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, or death). Mandatory referrals are also made when a maltreatment report is either screened-out or unsupported, on the basis that the alleged perpetrator did not meet the definition of caretaker, but the allegations match one of the aforementioned maltreatment categories.

²⁸ There are two categories of discretionary referrals: (1) DCF may immediately report cases of serious physical injury to the District Attorney; or (2) DCF may refer other matters involving possible criminal conduct (including but not limited to cases of abuse or neglect) to the District Attorney, regardless of whether the maltreatment report is supported or unsupported.

- Sexual abuse accounted for 79% of the reasons for mandatory case referrals²⁹ during the 3rd Quarter of FY'2008 (**Fig. 23, Table 15** on following pages). Nineteen percent of the case referral reasons were for serious physical abuse.

Reasons for Mandatory Referrals

Date	Sexual Abuse		Physical Abuse		Death ³⁰		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.
FY'02, Q3	361	78%	90	20%	9	2%	460
FY'02, Q4	398	78%	111	22%	3	1%	512
FY'03, Q1	409	82%	84	17%	8	2%	501
FY'03, Q2	412	82%	88	18%	--	--	500
FY'03, Q3	412	76%	123	23%	6	1%	541
FY'03, Q4	455	73%	166	27%	5	1%	626
FY'04, Q1	459	83%	87	16%	9	2%	555
FY'04, Q2	385	76%	114	23%	5	1%	504
FY'04, Q3	414	76%	127	23%	6	1%	547
FY'04, Q4	455	78%	122	21%	6	1%	583
FY'05, Q1	412	80%	97	19%	4	1%	513
FY'05, Q2	398	77%	113	22%	5	1%	516
FY'05, Q3	461	79%	124	21%	2	*	587
FY'05, Q4	444	78%	122	21%	2	*	568
FY'06, Q1	432	86%	66	13%	5	1%	503
FY'06, Q2	432	81%	99	19%	3	1%	534
FY'06, Q3	445	83%	82	15%	7	1%	534
FY'06, Q4	473	82%	95	16%	11	2%	579
FY'07, Q1	472	85%	78	14%	7	1%	557
FY'07, Q2	503	84%	90	15%	5	1%	598
FY'07, Q3	473	82%	93	16%	10	2%	576
FY'07, Q4	487	78%	129	21%	9	1%	625
FY'08, Q1	443	78%	114	20%	11	2%	568
FY'08, Q2	470	77%	130	21%	11	2%	611
FY'08, Q3	534	79%	127	19%	11	2%	672

* = less than 1% after rounding-off

²⁹ **A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason** (i.e., more than one type of abuse).

³⁰ Not all DA referrals resulting from an allegation that a child's death was due to abuse or neglect lead to an ultimate finding that the death was in fact due to abuse or neglect. **DCF publishes an annual report of child fatalities that includes an analysis of child deaths due to abuse or neglect.**

- Table 16 (on page 61) displays a breakdown of case referrals by type and child's county of residence. In general, referral counts were highest for the most populous counties, Essex, Middlesex, Worcester, and Suffolk. Based on a comparison of county estimates³¹ for children less than 18 years old, Norfolk County had a lower number of referrals than expected.
- Table 17 (on page 61) shows mandatory case referral reasons and child's county of residence. Worcester, Essex, Hampden, and Middlesex Counties accounted for 64% of the mandatory case referrals for sexual abuse (includes sexual assault and sexual exploitation). Essex and Worcester accounted for 54% of the mandatory case referrals for serious physical abuse.

³¹ U.S. Census Bureau: 2006 American Community Survey, Data Profile Highlights for Counties in Massachusetts (factfinder.census.gov/home/saff/main.html?_lang=en)

FIGURE 22. TYPE OF CASE REFERRAL (Case Count)

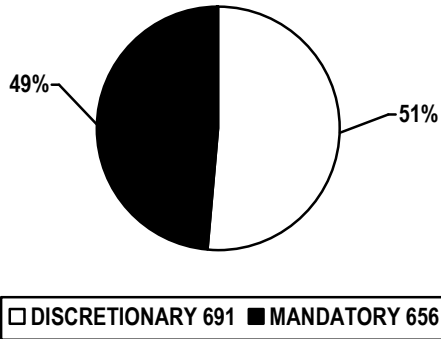
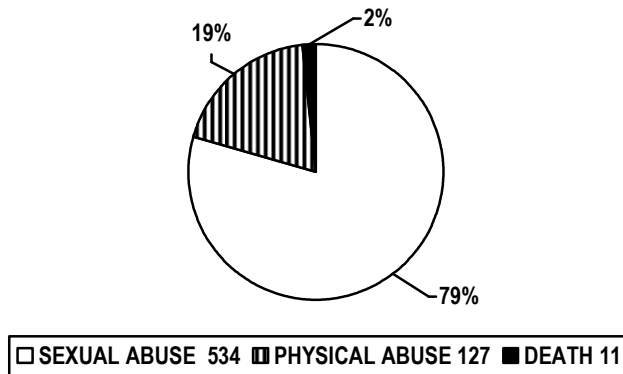


FIGURE 23. REASON FOR MANDATORY REFERRALS (Reason Count)



NOTE: A case referral may include more than one reason (more than one type of maltreatment).

**TABLE 15. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: ⁽¹⁾
FY'2008, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/08 - 3/31/08)**

Nature of Abuse	Reasons ⁽¹⁾	
	No.	%
Sexual Abuse:	534	79%
Sexual Assault	514	
Sexual Exploitation	20	
.....		
Serious Physical Abuse:	127	19%
.....		
Death:	11	2%
.....		
Total Reasons for Mandatory Referrals	672	100%

TABLE 16. CASE REFERRALS BY TYPE AND COUNTY: FY'2008, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/08 - 3/31/08)

County ⁽²⁾	Case Referrals				Total No.	2006 Children Under 18 (estimates)
	Discretionary		Mandatory			
	No.	%	No.	%		
Essex	165	53%	145	47%	310	176,236
Middlesex	113	59%	80	41%	193	323,225
Worcester	61	32%	128	68%	189	188,163
Suffolk	107	61%	69	39%	176	140,437
Hampden	56	43%	73	57%	129	111,071
Bristol	44	56%	35	44%	79	125,467
Plymouth	52	66%	27	34%	79	121,754
Berkshire	31	46%	37	54%	68	25,778
Norfolk	34	64%	19	36%	53	150,875
Hampshire	11	50%	11	50%	22	25,751
Barnstable	8	42%	11	58%	19	40,209
Franklin	2	14%	12	86%	14	14,445
Dukes	1	100%	---	---	1	3,398
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	---	1,828
OUT OF STATE	6	40%	9	60%	15	---
Total	691		656		1,347	

**TABLE 17. MANDATORY CASE REFERRAL REASONS BY COUNTY: ⁽¹⁾
FY'2008, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/08 - 3/31/08)**

County ⁽²⁾	Reasons for Mandatory Case Referrals ⁽¹⁾				Total
	Sexual Assault	Sexual Exploitation	Serious Physical Abuse/Injury	Death	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	
Essex	99	1	46	3	149
Worcester	103	2	23	1	129
Middlesex	64	1	16	1	82
Hampden	63	3	8	1	75
Suffolk	55	3	11	---	69
Berkshire	31	---	3	3	37
Bristol	31	3	3	---	37
Plymouth	18	1	8	2	29
Norfolk	14	3	3	---	20
Franklin	10	---	2	---	12
Hampshire	11	1	---	---	12
Barnstable	9	---	2	---	11
Dukes	---	---	---	---	---
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	---
OUT OF STATE	6	2	2	---	10
Total:	514	20	127	11	672

⁽¹⁾ A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason (i.e., more than one type of abuse).

⁽²⁾ County where the child resides.